

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Laube called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Center. Present at roll call were Trustees Bastidas, Figurski, Menzel, Pelletier and Tuman. Also present were Attorney Rosenthal, Chief Polston, Administrator Osten, and Clerk Brouder. Trustee Bowman was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Menzel made a motion to approve the Board Minutes of August 17, 2006.

Trustee Bastidas seconded. It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Present at the meeting were Hunters Farm residents Cindy Cramer, Harold Henry, and Brad Madison.

Cindy Cramer, 409 Morgan Lane presented the Village with a petition /pledge from thirty-five homes in Hunters Farm and Victoria Woods subdivisions to transform their tot lot playground to one that older children would be able to enjoy. They realize funding is an issue and have pledged more than \$3,300 to improve the park. The current park facilities has two bucket swings and a slide that isn't really age appropriate for the more than 100 children in the subdivisions. Ms. Cramer has volunteered to work with the Park Commission fundraising committee and will attend the next Park Commission meeting.

President Laube stated that the Village would like to have more people involved on committees from Hunters Farm and Victoria Woods and if anyone is interested, they should send a letter to her. No Hunters Farm residents are currently on any Village committees from Hunters Farm.

Trustee Pelletier reported that the Hunters Farm conservation easements were discussed at Public Health and Safety. It was decided to allow mowing to the tree line for lots one through six. Ms. Cramer stated she (409 Morgan, Lot 7) would like to be added to that list. Trustee Pelletier stated that mowing would be fine and another option to naturalizing it would be planting the area with approved plants.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Trustee Figurski reported the following from the September meeting of the NWMC.

- ~ Village of Harwood Heights is joining NWMC.
- ~ Jim Reilly, RTA Chairman stated that road congestion limits economic growth and costs \$976 per year to each rush hour traveler. A committee is coming up with a growth vision and will take that to Springfield in the Spring.
- ~ CMAP ~ Dan Shea is the McHenry County representative and wants to coordinate planning projects as they affect each other's communities.
- ~ Project Lightspeed ~ NWMC is negotiating with ATT for a model agreement. State and Federal governments are also looking for a franchise agreement.
- ~ Trustee Figurski was appointed to the Legislative and Non-Hone Rule Committees.

Trustee Pelletier reported the following for McCOG:

- ~ The August meeting had a presentation "How to Deal with the Press" ~ they suggested asking the reporter to call back in fifteen minutes and then get your thoughts together.
- ~ Reminder that we are hosting the September McCOG meeting. RTA representative Andy Plummer will be speaking about transportation issues. It will be held at the Norge Club house on the 27th at 6 p.m. Hope everyone attends.
- ~ McCog should know the Intergovernmental Cooperation and Transparency Act should be good for both home and non-home rule communities. Attorney Rosenthal stated this act will have a slim chance of passing if not endorsed by all municipalities. Villages should pass a resolution to issue support. He said people may see it as a misuse of public funds. The Village Board consensus is OK to vote for this.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

- ~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Report for August 2006. Trustee Figurski seconded.** There was a memo in all mailboxes on the questions that were asked at Finance. It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes.
- ~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to recommend payment to Union Pacific Railroad in the amount of \$6,822 for a past bill for Foxmoor Crossing sidewalk. Trustee Figurski seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes.
- ~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to recommend payment to Spies for the Victoria Woods Boundary Markers in the amount of \$8,250. Trustee Pelletier seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes.
- ~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to execute a power supply contract with the lowest responsible bidder. Trustee Figurski seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes. This will be Resolution 2006-05.

Trustee Menzel reported that Trustee Figurski and Administrator Osten will work with Waste Management on the rate increase.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

- ~ **Trustee Figurski made a motion to recommend the Village Board accept the Resolution and Agreement for Non-Emergency Public Works Mutual Aid. Trustee Pelletier seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes. This will be Resolution 2006-06.
- ~ **Trustee Figurski made a motion to recommend the Village Board accept the Resolution and Agreement for Emergency Public Works Mutual Aid. Trustee Bastidas seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes. This will be Resolution 2006-07.

~ **Trustee Figurski made a motion to adopt an ordinance amending Article 1 of Chapter 8 ½ “Flood Damage Prevention” of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Fox River Grove to comply with FEMA’s National Flood Insurance Program Regulations. Trustee Pelletier seconded.** There are new insurance maps for the Village. This keeps us in good standing with National Flood Insurance Program. It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes. This will be Ordinance 2006- 41.

Trustee Figurski reported that Mark Stockley was the Employee Spotlight this month. He’s been with the Village 7 ½ years. John Reese said he’s dependable and does the heavy lifting. Mark said he needs more help and a large bucket truck.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

~ **Trustee Pelletier made a motion to approve mowing for Lots 1 through 6 and part of Lot 7. Trustee Figurski seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes. The homeowners will be notified.

~ **Trustee Pelletier made a motion to permanently change the meeting date of Public Health & Safety to the first Tuesday of the months beginning in October and from then on. Trustee Menzel seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes. We will notify the newspapers of calendar change.

The Fox River Grove Lions Club donated \$1,050 to the Police Department to cover one-half of three police vests.

The stop sign has been installed at the Plum Tree/Algonquin/Old Hunt Roads ~ are the Police Department writing tickets? Trustee Pelletier stated we should still continue with the annexation. It will be added to the Public Health & Safety agenda as a housekeeping item for our boundaries.

Mr. DiSilvestro will attend the October 3rd Public Health & Safety meeting to discuss the bike race being in June 2007. All trustees are OK with another bike race next year.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Nothing to report.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Laube stated she had received some replies regarding her request for recognizing local soldiers overseas. She will investigate the costs for a bulletin board in the lobby area. Diana Arden will bring in letters and photos and resident Len Huff just returned from Afghanistan. Everyone was OK with this.

President Laube stated the Village has previously nominated Penny Libert and Linda Stengele for the Studs Terkel award which recognizes one’s contribution within the Arts. President Laube would like to recognize Lowell Cutsforth for his continuous contributions to Fox River Grove. After discussion it was decided to have one Lifetime Service Award for one person during a President’s term. The award would consist of a recognition plaque and a gift certificate. We plan to do this October.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

~ **Trustee Figurski made a motion to adopt an ordinance authorizing the sale of certain surplus items of personal property. Trustee Menzel seconded.** This is a 1994 Crown Victoria. It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes. It will be Ordinance 2006-42.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

McCOG Dinner is September 27th at Norge Ski Clubhouse at 6 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Menzel made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:50 to discuss pending litigation and property acquisition. Trustee Figurski seconded. It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes. Trustees Bastidas, Figurski, Menzel, Pelletier and Tuman were present along with President Laube, Attorney Rosenthal, Chief Polston, Administrator Osten and Clerk Brouder. **Trustee Menzel made a motion to return to Village Board meeting at 9:13.**

Trustee Bastidas seconded. It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes. Present were Trustees Bastidas, Figurski, Menzel, Pelletier and Tuman. Also present were President Laube, Attorney Rosenthal, Chief Polston, Administrator Osten and Clerk Brouder.

Chief Polston was asked if the police can go on private property to enforce vehicle stickers. The windshield needs to be in plain site to enforce.

Administrator Osten reported that other non-Rec Council teams are playing on the Hunters Farm field and there is concern about the number of teams playing on the field. Would the police be able to ask non resident teams to vacate the field? Attorney Rosenthal stated there should be a sign posted stating no organized sports without a permit.

ADJOURNMENT

~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 9:21 p.m.**

Trustee Bastidas seconded. All were in favor.

Katherine A. Laube, Village President

Date Approved

Donna M. Brouder, Village Clerk