

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2007

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, Bowman, Figurski, Menzel, Pelletier and Tuman. Also present were Attorney Rosenthal, Administrator Osten, and Clerk Brouder.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Bowman made a motion to approve the Board Minutes of December 21, 2006. Trustee Pelletier seconded. It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes. Trustee Figurski abstained.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Resident Chris Ruckoldt entered at 8:30 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Trustee Figurski reported the following:

~ NWMC is hosting a Legislative Brunch on 1/20/07 in Arlington Heights, the Annual banquet 6/20/07 at the Center of Performing Arts in Skokie and their Golf Outing 8/23/07 at Bartlett Hills.

~ Discussed the FCC ruling regarding AT & T Project Lightspeed and cable franchise fees at their last meeting. Local franchise authorities must grant or deny a franchise within 90 days. Unreasonable build-out requirements cannot be established. Franchise fees are capped at 5% including in-kind payments, fees, costs, or other assessments and benefits. Authorities may not impose unreasonable Public Education Grant or I-Net requirements. There is a problem with the size of the cabinets. The Village has two – one on North River Road and one on Doyle Road. Mundelein and Northbrook are currently negotiating with AT & T. They will share their contracts when finalized.

~ Resolution was passed supporting Arlington Heights mayor, Arlene Mulder's reappointment to the Metra Board.

~ On the Health Department Mutual Aid Agreement, they approved a recommendation to terminate the agreement. Only eight communities agreed to it. It conflicted with the state, county and local emergency procedures.

~ NWMC offers police recruitment and testing consortium. They offer a competitive exam to establish a list of potential candidates for entry level officers. Orientation is June 8 & 9. Exam and physical agility is June 23.

~ Legislative dates in Springfield ~ 3/7/07 NWMC in Springfield, 3/15/07 Senate bills out of committee, 3/30/07 third reading and 3/23/07 bills are out of committee.

~ Winnetka passed no cell phone talking while driving. Asked how they would monitor the connecting streets with adjoining towns. They didn't have an answer. Item was placed on the Public Health & Safety agenda.

Trustee Pelletier reported the following for McCOG:

~ No transportation meeting in January.

~ Next McCog meeting will be Wednesday, January 24, 2007 in Woodstock.

~ The Village needs to approve the 2007 Legislative Platform. There are nine main focus points. They are:

1. Pass Legislation to allow local governments to take a position on referenda questions.
2. Increase transportation funding for McHenry County.
3. Protect municipal revenues.
4. Support legislation to change Secretary of State regulations to allow partial census data to certify home rule status.
5. Maintain TIF Districts as effective tools for local government.
6. Oppose deferred retirement option programs (DROP).
7. Support regional transportation funding and administration.
8. Telecommunications regulation.
9. Address smoking ban issues on a statewide level.

There are no objections from any Trustees.

~ Finance committee will discuss health insurance at next meeting.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

~ **Trustee Bastidas made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Report for December 2006. Trustee Menzel seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

~ **Trustee Bastidas made a motion to recommend approval of a payment in the amount of \$224,747.50 to Maxim Construction for the road program. Trustee Tuman seconded.**

It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

~ The budget process schedule has been passed out.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Pelletier reported the following:

~ Superintendent Huizinga is interviewing for Streets & Parks opening.

~ Have not received the EPA approval for HAZMAT timetable. Superintendent Hughes will check that.

~ The Road Program will continue the next three years with patching and drainage repairs and to build up funds and in the fourth year doing an expensive resurfacing project. They are looking to correct the drainage on Gladys, Millard and South River Roads.

~ **Trustee Pelletier made a motion to adopt an ordinance amending subsection (d) "Alternative formula for calculating connection fee for commercial and industrial customers" of Section 23-117 "Permit fees for property located within the corporate limits of the Village" of the Code of ordinances of the Village of Fox River Grove for the**

purpose of adding sub-subsection (3) relating to supplemental connection fees. Trustee Menzel seconded. It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Bowman reported the following:

- ~ Escape Restaurant has picked up their building permits. It will be a Moretti's restaurant.
- ~ Apartment Inspection program began January 1, 2007. Village will inspect the apartments. Property owners are obligated to let the Village know when a new tenant moves in.
- ~ Foxmoor Crossing punchlist was postponed until Spring.
- ~ Chief Polston discussed using the Cary Fire Protection District station with the Cary Police Department as an emergency operations center.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Rosenthal will report in Executive Session.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- ~ President Laube proclaimed February as Children's Dental Health month.
- ~ President Laube proclaimed January 21 – 27 as Cary-Grove Jaycee Week.
- ~ President Laube formally appointed existing members Peter Strand, Audra Smith and Donna Brouder and new members Carole Cody, Terri Pagels and Grace Primdahl to the new Special Events Commission. The Village is very fortunate to have this enthusiastic group onboard.
- ~ President Laube will be out of town for the February Board meeting and would like to change the date. Rolf Campbell will be making a presentation. After discussion, **Trustee Bastidas made a motion to move the February 15th Village Board meeting to February 22. Trustee Pelletier seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- ~ Administrator Osten reported that the CMAQ grant will not be pursued any further because it has so many requirements it would increase the cost by 300%. The Safe Route to School Grants are 100% grant. Village pays up front and is reimbursed. Jon Huizinga is attending an information session to get more details.
- ~ Administrator Osten will meet with AT & T on January 31st to discuss Project Lightspeed.
- ~ The Insurance pool hopes to get all of McHenry County to join. It is similar to McMRMA, our risk management agency. All would save money on administrative costs. Reserves would stay with the pool. We will have a copy of the report in the next few weeks.
- ~ Administrator Osten was appointed to the McHenry County Ethics Commission two years ago for a six-year term. There have not been any violations. He will be attending a training in February.

President Laube asked the Village Board if there would be any objections to changing the time of the Village Board meeting to 7:00 p.m. each month. We will have to amend our Village Ordinances. **Trustee Menzel made a motion to change the February Village Board meeting to 7:00 p.m. Trustee Pelletier seconded.** All were in favor.

Administrator Osten stated that Norge asked to have a bonfire for their tournament this weekend. They have done it the past few years. One section of our ordinances state that no bonfires are allowed and another section states that small recreational fires are allowed every day from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Attorney Rosenthal suggests amending the ordinance to allow bonfires by permit. Administrator Osten will contact Norge to let them know.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Brouder reported the large outstanding water bill for 216 Saddle Lane was paid.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chamber dinner is Friday, January 26, 2007. We need to have a representative from the Village attend. Trustee Pelletier will check her schedule.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Menzel made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:45 to discuss pending litigation, personnel and property acquisition. Trustee Bowman seconded. It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes. Trustees Bastidas, Bowman, Figurski, Menzel, Pelletier and Tuman were present along with President Laube, Attorney Rosenthal, Administrator Osten and Clerk Brouder. **Trustee Menzel made a motion to return to Village Board meeting at 9:38. Trustee Bowman seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes. Present were Trustees Bastidas, Bowman, Figurski, Menzel, Pelletier and Tuman. Also present were President Laube, Attorney Rosenthal, Administrator Osten and Clerk Brouder.

ADJOURNMENT

~ Trustee Menzel made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 9:39 p.m. Trustee Bastidas seconded. All were in favor.

Katherine A. Laube, Village President

Date Approved

Donna M. Brouder, Village Clerk