

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2007

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Laube called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Center. Present at roll call were Trustees Bowman, Cramer, Figurski, Menzel, Pelletier and Tuman. Also present were Attorney Rosenthal, Chief Polston, Administrator Osten, and Clerk Brouder.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Menzel made a motion to approve the Board Minutes of April 19, 2007.

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

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

In attendance was Larry Thomas from Baxter & Woodman, Inc. President Laube presented Mr. Thomas a plaque thanking Baxter & Woodman for their many years of exceptional service to the Village. They have always done an excellent job and it is greatly appreciated. Mr. Thomas thanked the Board and said that they always try to do their very best. It is more than just a job. Mr. Thomas handed out the first agreement between the Village and Baxter & Woodman. It is dated March 11, 1946. Mr. Thomas stated that he began working at Baxter & Woodman in 1977 and the Village's water and sewer plant was his first project.

Also attending were Jim and Jeff, owners of Cars of Lake Zurich. They own an auto repair and tow service and are looking at renting the Dunmeyer property. They would like to get on the Police Department tow list for towing services.

President Laube proclaimed the week of May 21, 2007 as Public Works week. She signed the Proclamation. It will be given to the Public Works Departments and hung at the Village Hall.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Trustee Figurski reported the following from NWMC May 9th meeting:

~ Speaker Brian McPartlin from the Illinois Tollway reported that Open Road Tolling took two years to complete. There are 20 toll plazas. The original plan estimated ten years to complete. The first toll road built in 1953 was for 66,000 cars and now 1.4 million travel it each day. One 18-wheel truck does the equivalent damage of 10,800 cars.

- ~ People are now ready for the Route 53 extension, but there is no money available.
- ~ Phil Pagano, Metra Director, stated they are looking to upgrade three lines ~ west, northwest and southeast.
- ~ Education Funding proposal - Gross Receipt Tax, House bill 750, and Education Funding Reform Proposal. Education reform discussion needed with schools. The “rainy day” fund has no parameters. Mayors are very concerned about that. Accountability is needed if there are any tax increases ~ and dollars need to go directly to education. They will support some increase, but want property tax relief as well. NWMC members feel that nothing is fixed with proposal as is.

Trustee Pelletier reported the following from McCOG:

- ~ County spoke about the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Pelletier will leave information at the Village Hall if anyone is interested. Administrator Osten should review the 2030 Plan for the Mayor’s Caucus meeting. They are looking to form a political group to gather support.
- ~ Looking at tax on internet sales.
- ~ Elections are next month. Ed Plaza from Lake in the Hills is the current president. Brian Sager from Woodstock will be new president.
- ~ At the May 23rd meeting, a vote will be taken on the toll bridge. It is located south of Route 62 and north of the Route 72 bridge near Bolz Road. Algonquin, the newest member of McCOG, is a big proponent of this bridge. They are looking for support to turn it into a toll bridge. Kane County is neutral. President Laube asked Village Board if they supported this. All were in favor of Trustee Pelletier supporting it.

IML Report

- ~ The gross receipt tax failed.
- ~ Still trying to put together cable/lightspeed agreement.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

- ~ **Trustee Tuman made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Report for April 2007. Trustee Menzel seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.
- ~ **Trustee Tuman made a motion to pay Maxim \$148,009.50 for the wastewater treatment plant. Trustee Menzel seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.
- ~ **Trustee Tuman made a motion to purchase Picnic Grove Park swings in the amount of \$5,728 contingent on a donation from a citizen in the amount of \$1,728. Trustee Menzel seconded.** The Village will contribute \$500 and the balance is from Picnic Grove fundraising. It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.
- ~ **Trustee Tuman made a motion to approve the build-out in the Police Department office for \$1,043, and an additional \$105 for paint, \$80 to relocate light switch and \$35 for black base molding. Trustee Pelletier seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.
- ~ **Trustee Tuman made a motion to approve the purchase of office furniture in the amount of \$1,950 for the Police Department. Trustee Pelletier seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.
- ~ **Trustee Tuman made a motion to approve the full percentage amount budgeted for merit raises and approving a \$500 one-time bonus for most improved employee in each department. Trustee Menzel seconded.** Trustee Bowman questioned why the \$500 bonus was needed when the employees would be receiving a merit raise. Administrator Osten stated this would recognize an employee working hard to pull themselves up. It could be a total of \$1,500 for three departments. Trustee Pelletier stated this would be good for employee morale. President Laube stated that a bonus does not become part of their base pay. Trustee Cramer

stated she noticed morale is low and this would be a great motivator. Something that shows appreciation to the employees. Trustee Menzel stated that the skill steps are now be a top priority. The bonus and skill steps will help in keeping a Union out. Trustee Tuman stated that the skill steps are very important and the bonus is a stepping stone. It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes. Trustee Bowman voted no – he feels it should just be all merit.

Administrator Osten explained that Greensburg, Kansas was devastated by a tornado and the City Manager of Concordia, Kansas sent out an e-mail regarding a Greensburg Relief Fund established by the League of Kansas Municipalities. It was decided that the Village has a difficult time making our own ends meet, but we could ask our citizens to donate via our newsletter. A donation like this would be a questionable use of public funds.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

~ **Trustee Pelletier made a motion to recommend approval of the Rec Council Playing Field Use form with the following modifications ~ add an approval line with signature, date and check-list for payment and insurance. Trustee Cramer seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

Trustee Pelletier reported that a resident, Keith Ventura, attended the Public Works meeting and will be donating \$1,728 towards the purchase of the swings for Picnic Grove Park. The Village is very appreciative of his generosity.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to adopt an ordinance granting a variation from sideyard set back requirements to the Village of Fox River Grove Zoning Ordinance (205 Grove Avenue). Trustee Pelletier seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes. This will be Ordinance 2007-21.

Trustee Tuman suggested that the Village have an exclusive contract for towing services with Bryant Automotive rather than using tow services from Cary and Barrington. Chief Polston stated that the owner of the vehicle could request another tow company. There was discussion regarding going out to bid, contracting, local business, Village liability exposure and certificates of insurance. All local towing companies should be included. The towing company needs liability insurance naming the Village as additional insured in case they damage a vehicle and the Village is named as a defendant. **Trustee Pelletier made a motion to recommend this subject return to Public Health and Safety for further discussion. Trustee Bowman seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

Trustee Menzel asked the owners of Cars of Lake Zurich to let the Village know if they did move to Mr. Dunmeyer's property.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Rosenthal's report is for Executive Session.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Laube addressed the Barrington Hills Boundary Agreement. Barrington Hills asked to attend the Public Health & Safety meeting. She asked if the Board would want to charge Barrington Hills for the police antenna. The Village Board did not, but Barrington Hills needs to sign the antenna agreement to use our water tower for their police antenna. Trustee

Cramer mentioned there was an article in the newspaper regarding the Barrington Hills cell tower debate. Some residents want it to improve their cell phone usage and others oppose the 190-foot tower which will ruin their sight lines. President Laube was told the boundary agreement included unincorporated areas. **Trustee Figurski made a motion that the Village not enter into a Boundary Agreement with Barrington Hills. Trustee Tuman seconded.** Trustees Menzel and Pelletier voted no. Trustees Bowman, Figurski, Tuman voted yes. Trustee Cramer abstained which would count toward the majority. There will be no boundary agreement.

President Laube reminded everyone of the Memorial Day Parade. It is a somber occasion and to please dress appropriately. The Commissioners Appreciation Party is at Norge Clubhouse on Wednesday, May 31st at 7 p.m. Picnic Grove Park Dedication will be Saturday, June 9th at 10 a.m. President Laube hopes that everyone will attend these Village events.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Osten reported that an individual from Algonquin inquired about purchasing Village property along the Fox River to keep his boat. A memo and map was passed out to all Trustees with the April 7, 2003 appraisal amounts. We can get an updated appraisal for approximately \$300. Superintendent Huizinga would like to keep the property in the Village. **Trustee Menzel made a motion to turn down any idea of selling any of the Village Parks. Trustee Pelletier seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

Administrator Osten stated that the bike race "go/no go" deadline has been extended to May 30th. Residents will be notified through newsletter, newspaper and letters hand delivered to their homes by the bike race promoter.

Administrator Osten gave an update on the brick mailboxes. There are currently eight addresses without regulation mailboxes. Two people have complained and one is sending their insurance certificate. We have not heard from the others. Mr. Fleider's mailbox is not in the right-of-way and will be receiving a letter that he is exempt. Others need to list the Village as additional insured on their insurance.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

~ Clerk Brouder asked for **a motion to waive the temporary liquor license fees for the FRG Lions Club. Trustee Figurski made the motion and Trustee Figurski seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

~ Clerk Brouder asked for **a motion to waive the park, sound permit requirements and fees for FRG Fire Protection District annual water fights. Trustee Figurski made the motion and Trustee Bowman seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

~ Clerk Brouder asked for **a motion to waive the temporary liquor license fee for the FRG Fire Protection District. Trustee Figurski made the motion and Trustee Tuman seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

~ Clerk Brouder stated she had received a request from Norge Ski Club asking for permission to have a bonfire for their June 16th King of the Hill Tournament. They were in the process of getting the approval from Fire Chief Kreher and Police Chief Polston. **Trustee Bowman made a motion to allow Norge Ski Club to have a bonfire on June 16th provided the appropriate permit signatures were obtained. Trustee Pelletier seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

~ **Trustee Figurski made a motion to adopt a resolution determining that the minutes of certain closed meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fox River Grove no**

longer need to be kept confidential. Trustee Menzel seconded. It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes. This will be Resolution 2007-05.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Figurski made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:40 to discuss pending litigation, property acquisition and personnel. Trustee Menzel seconded. It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes. Trustees Bowman, Cramer, 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 9:28. Trustee Bowman seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes. Present were Trustees Bowman, Cramer, Figurski, Menzel, Pelletier and Tuman. Also present were President Laube, Attorney Rosenthal, Administrator Osten and Clerk Brouder.

ADJOURNMENT

~ Trustee Pelletier made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 9:29 p.m. Trustee Menzel seconded. All were in favor.

Katherine A. Laube, Village President

Date Approved

Donna M. Brouder, Village Clerk