MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2008

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 and Tuman. Also present were Attorney Rosenthal, Attorney Kolman, Chief Lukasik, Administrator Osten and Clerk Brouder. Trustee Pelletier entered at 7:02.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Tuman made a motion to approve the Board Minutes of the January 17, 2008 meeting. Trustee Figurski seconded. The motion passed by a roll call of six yes votes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Present in the audience were business owner Dan Nass and reporter Craig Whitney.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Trustee Figurski reported the following for the NWMC ~

- At their February 13th meeting, Jim Kvederas from the Canadian National Railway discussed the proposed acquisition of the EJ & E rail in Barrington. There is a potential of having three major routes blocked at the same time – Route 14, Lake Cook Road and Route 59. Barrington would like below-grade crossings at an estimated cost of $300M. This purchase will also have an effect on Metra service and an impact on quiet zones. Other cities would see less rail traffic.
- Metro Mayors Caucus Legislative Priorities include the following:
  ~ Streamlined Sales Tax Project (SSTP)
  ~ Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFE-TEA)
  ~ Chicago Region Environmental & Transportation Efficiency Project (CREATE) – Congress has appropriated $100M, State is matching with $100M, Railroads $100M, and City of Chicago $20M to be used to improve current facilities. $1.5B is needed.
  ~ Annual Banquet is June 6th. It's their 50th Anniversary.

Representative Mark Beaubien attended the Legislative Lunch on February 9th. Items discussed were:

~ Pensions – they are growing in communities, and it will be difficult to fund them. Fox River Grove's should be 80% funded by the year 2013.
~ Defining catastrophic injuries in Public Safety Employees Act (PSEBA).
~ There have been 2,000 bills introduced this year already. The Legislative Committee has reviewed 36 bills so far and 16 of them relate to Public Safety.
~ The DROP Plan is back again.

Trustee Figurski also mentioned that there was discussion that Village Trustees should have their own Attorney.

Three young men and a leader from Boy Scout Troop 166 entered at this time to observe.

Trustee Pelletier reported the following for McCOG ~

- NPDES Permits were the topic of the last meeting. This pertained mostly to communities that are growing residentially and expanding their water treatment facilities. Municipalities are dealing with special interest groups regarding this.
- Medicine disposal was also discussed. People flush their old pills down the toilet and now that is showing up in the water. It is now recommended to crush the pills, mix with coffee grounds and put in a zip lock bag for disposal. Nothing is finalized.
- Other items discussed were passing the Comprehensive Funding Plan, Pension Benefits, TIF, Sales Tax Agreements and Education.
- McCOG is asking McHenry County residents to attend Springfield monthly to make contacts and talk to representatives. The next date is March 5th.
- Next Wednesday is the social meeting. Trustee Pelletier is unable to attend.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

~ Trustee Tuman made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Report for January 2008. Trustee Menzel seconded. The motion was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

~ Trustee Tuman made a motion to recommend the Crimestoppers donation to the Police Department be used to purchase two computers. Trustee Pelletier seconded. It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

~ Trustee Tuman made a motion to approve the purchase of MSI Off-Site Back-Up Software/Services in the amount of $1,200. Trustee Figurski seconded. It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

~ Trustee Tuman made a motion to authorize the Village President to sign a contract with Speer Financial Services for their financial services consultation. Trustee Pelletier seconded. It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

~ Trustee Tuman made a motion to recommend a tap-on fee of $185,958 for the Flint Creek project in Lake Barrington. Trustee Cramer seconded. It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

Trustee Tuman reported that a draft of the 08/09 Budget will be ready next Friday and will be discussed at the next Finance meeting. Employee compensation will be discussed at the next Village Board meeting. The cost of living this year is 3.3%. He asked everyone to drop off their budget books to the Clerks office by Monday, so they can be updated.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Pelletier reported the Village is waiting to hear back from the Rec Council to see if their Insurance Company will insure the park with the port-o-lets where they are now placed. The Insurance Company stated they are in the field of play. The Parks Commission will hold a special meeting in March, if necessary. We may just have to move them back to their original place to allow the field to be insured.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFTEY COMMITTEE REPORT

~ Trustee Menzel made a motion to require the owner of 907 Route 22 to install a sidewalk across the front of his parcel by August 1, 2008. Trustee Pelletier seconded. It was approved of a roll call of six yes votes.

~ Trustee Menzel made a motion to adopt an ordinance amending Section 15-166 "Permit Parking Only Zones Enumerated" and adding Section 15-167 "Reserved Parking Zone" of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Fox River Grove. Trustee Figurski seconded. Trustee Pelletier asked why we were using permit parking and not having reserved or time restriction signs posted at the property as discussed. Attorney Rosenthal explained it would be too hard to enforce it. The building does have parking on his site besides the three spaces in front. The motion was passed by a roll call of six yes votes. This will be Ordinance 2008-01.

Police Officer hire will be discussed in Executive Session.

There was discussion on using a collection agency. Substantial fines have not been paid over the past years. A recommendation was made to prepare an ordinance to increase penalties on fines not paid.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Rosenthal explained that our ordinances do have a provision that allows discretion on fees for non-payment and administrative costs. Next month at Public Health & Safety a list of all fines, fees, late fees and non-payments will be discussed.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

~ Saturday, March 1st is the Community Showcase. President Laube asked everyone to sign up for a time slot.

~ President Laube stated that Trustee Cramer had volunteered to chair the Special Events Commission. The Commission will review the Village events and talk about new ones. **Trustee Figurski made a motion to appoint Trustee Cramer as Chairperson of the Special Events Committee. Trustee Tuman seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

~ President Laube talked about the downtown redevelopment tools. A power point presentation has been prepared and talks about changes, improvements and possible ways to make things happen. The Village wants to create an atmosphere to attract developers. PEDC is working on shared parking promotions with the downtown businesses. The Village is looking at different tools for development ~ ways to advise property owners to package properties to sell to developers and securing a space for them when redeveloped, loans for businesses, the use of incentives for developers and no incentives, and potential TIF and Business Districts. The Village Board would be in support of any combination of these tools. Other ways to bring attention to downtown business area would be Farmers Markets, highlighting businesses in the newsletter, landscaping at the train station, replacing banners, special projects, better communications with local businesses and supporting the Chamber of Commerce.

~ Brunch Café on Route 22 and Doyle Road opened yesterday.

~ Trustee Menzel made a motion to change the Parks Commission meeting dates from the second Wednesday to the fourth Wednesday of the month. Trustee Figurski seconded. The meeting is being moved to a week before the Public Works meeting so the recommendations can be discussed sooner. It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Osten announced that Clerk Brouder received her Clerk Certification. Congratulations on a job well done.

~ Trustee Menzel made a motion to authorize the Village President to sign the cable contract extension when it is received with the revised date of May 30, 2008. Trustee Figurski seconded. It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

~ Trustee Figurski asked about the AT & T landscape agreement. Administrator Osten has permits on his desk. AT & T do not want to do the landscaping, but is willing to pay $1,500 for each permitted location that will need landscaping.

~ Administrator Osten announced that Blockbuster is closing their Fox River Grove location.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

~ Trustee Bowman made a motion to waive the fidelity bond requirements for the FRG Lions $100 Raffle in April. Trustee Figurski seconded. It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

~ Trustee Figurski made a motion to adopt an ordinance amending Section 3-19 of the code of Ordinances of the Village of Fox River Grove for the purpose of adding a certificate of liability insurance requirement to liquor licenses. Trustee Pelletier seconded. It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes. This will be Ordinance 2008-02.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

~ Trustee Pelletier made a motion to change our Thursday, March 20th Village Board meeting to Wednesday, March 19th. Trustee Figurski seconded. It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

~ Trustee Bowman made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. Trustee Menzel seconded. It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes. **Trustee Figurski made a motion to return to the Village Board meeting at 8:23 p.m. Trustee Bowman seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

A roll call was taken and all were present.

~ Trustee Menzel made a motion to hire another new police officer. Trustee Figurski seconded. This is in anticipation of one retiring on disability. It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

ADJOURNMENT

~ Trustee Bowman made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 8:25 p.m. Trustee Pelletier seconded. All were in favor.

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Katherine A. Laube, Village President Date Approved

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Donna M. Brouder, Village Clerk