

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD**  
**MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Acting President Cramer 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 Donahue, Chief Lukasik, Administrator Osten and Village Clerk Brouder.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

~ Acting President Cramer made a motion to approve the Board Minutes of the January 15, 2009 meeting. Trustee Pelletier seconded. The motion passed by a roll call of six yes votes.

**VISITOR'S PRESENT**

Present in the audience were residents Suzanne Blohm and Michael Schiestel and Northwest Herald reporter Brett Rowland.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

NWMC ~ Trustee Figurski reported the following:

- He attended a presentation given by Dave Limardi, the City Manager of Highland Park and Todd Hilman, the Glenview Village Manager on weathering the financial downturn. They spoke on core service spending which includes water and sewer, streets and parks, police and fire, administrative services and infrastructure programs; discretionary spending which includes spending within core services, miscellaneous spending, and reviewing budgets nine months prior to budget deadlines. Revenues, sales tax, real estate transactions and building permits are all down. Pension costs have increased 70% over the past three years. Their goals are to maintain services, improve accountability, minimize debt and protect fund balances. They have out-sourced things like street sweeping, snow plowing, janitorial services and information technology. Glenview renegotiated their Village Attorney contract. Villages are also sharing services to reduce costs ~ inspections, dispatch, police, GIS.
- The Legislative brunch is being postponed because of the impeachment trial. Questionnaires were sent to members in early January from the Transportation Committee. Trustee Figurski stated every Village should be very sure about their finances.

MCCOG ~ Trustee Pelletier had no report. They have a meeting next month.

IML ~ There were no comments.

Administrator Osten mentioned that Internet Taxing is part of the legislative program. This could also be a source of revenue.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

~ **Trustee Tuman made a motion to approve payment of \$8,600 for WTP valve replacements. Trustee Menzel seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

~ **Trustee Tuman made a motion to purchase salt not to exceed \$18,000. Trustee Cramer seconded.** Trustee Figurski asked what happened to the \$7,500 that was approved at Finance. Administrator Osten stated that they spent about \$6,100 and need to purchase about \$12,000 more. It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

~ Trustee Pelletier reported that due to the expense of the banner hardware it would not be pursued at this time.

~ **Trustee Pelletier made a motion to approve an expenditure of \$2,300 for Public Works Uniforms. Trustee Figurski seconded.** This expenditure includes 33 pants, 30 shirts, 13 sweatshirts, 2 coveralls, 2 pairs boots, and 1 raingear for twelve employees. It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

~ **Trustee Pelletier made a motion to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 13 “Miscellaneous Offenses and Provisions” by adding Section 13-118, Park Improvements of the Fox River Grove Code of Ordinances. Trustee Menzel seconded.** Trustee Figurski stated his concerns ~ how is a bystander covered were they to get injured? They would file a claim with Village’s risk management insurance. If a contractor is doing the work, does the resident have to be insured? No. Trustee Pelletier asked if the homeowners insurance would cover that and Attorney Donahue did not know for certain, but Administrator Osten thought it would not. Trustee Figurski asked who would be doing the maintenance ~ probably the Streets & Parks Department. Any applications would be looked at on a case by case basis. Many people may not be interested in doing anything. Trustee Figurski does not feel Superintendent Huizinga would have the extra time to do this. The motion was approved by a roll call of five yes votes and one no vote. Trustee Figurski voted no. This will be Ordinance 2009-01.

~ **Trustee Pelletier made a motion to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 21, “Vegetation”, Article II “Trees and Shrubs”, Sections 21-16, 21-17, 21-20, 21-22 and 21-23 of the Village of Fox River Grove Code of Ordinances. Trustee Menzel seconded.** Village Clerk Brouder stated that there were two changes on the ordinance. In List A Duckweed was removed and Section 21-20 (a) was changed to read “Trees shall have a minimum diameter of two (2) inches at a distance of four (4) feet above the ground, shall have a continuous single ten (10) to (12) foot trunk for large trees and six (6) to eight (8) foot trunk for small trees before pruning and shall be free from deformity, infectious disease or insect infestation and any indication of undesirable growth characteristics.” It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes and one no vote. Trustee Figurski voted no. This will be Ordinance 2009-02.

~ Trustee Pelletier stated they are selecting another date for a non-public meeting for the Third Amendment to Recreational Facilities Agreement. It will be on next month’s agenda.

~ Trustee Pelletier reported the Village Engineer gave a presentation at Public Works on the 09/10 MFT Road Program. Many residents attended with their questions and concerns. The Engineers made a list and will be back at the March meeting with answers and further details. Residents were also invited to attend the March meeting. Administrator Osten stated that residents had some new ideas and the Engineers will look at the options and may have to bring it back to Public Works for approval and amount changes.

~ Trustee Pelletier also reported that the Village has \$14,463 in arrears for water and sewer.

~ The Parks Commission is working with Streets and Parks to make a list of items that could be done in the parks by volunteers. High School Track Team and Scouts have asked to do community service. A list of volunteers will be compiled as we receive names.

~ On Lincoln Avenue it was decided there would be no benefit to move the yield sign or add stop bar. They may add a new yield sign that is more reflective and additional markings on the pavement. Trustee Tuman suggested closing one side, but Trustee Pelletier said this would be very costly.

~ The Harbor Team has dredging scheduled for May.

~ Public Works garage will be inspected to check the additional supports that were installed.

~ John Derer's letter will be discussed in Executive Session.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT**

~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to adopt an ordinance authorizing the sale of certain items of personal property. Trustee Bowman seconded.** The Police Department has five vehicles that have been seized and they will be selling. They are a 1991 Audi Quattro, 1993 Ford Mustang, 1993 Oldsmobile Sierra, 1995 Chevrolet Van and a 2000 Pontiac Sunfire. It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes. This will be Ordinance 2009-03.

~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to adopt an ordinance amending Sections 2-317 and 2-318 of the Village's Code of Ordinances to provide for the imposition of late fees for certain ordinance violations adjudicated under Division 2 of Article XV of Chapter 2 of the Village's Code of Ordinances. Trustee Pelletier seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes. This will be Ordinance 2009-04.

~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to adopt an ordinance amending Section 13-96 of Chapter 13 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Fox River Grove. Trustee Cramer seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes. This will be Ordinance 2009-05.

~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to adopt a no parking zone on Lincoln Avenue and add a loading zone in front of the King Pin Lanes as designated on the map (attached). Trustee Pelletier seconded.** Trustee Menzel stated this will leave one parking space and two loading zones in front of King Pin. Trustee Pelletier spoke to the owner of King Pin and he is not happy about this. It was asked why we are not allowing parking in front of the apartments along Lincoln Avenue. Trustee Menzel said curbs are going to be installed there. It was approved by six yes votes.

### **VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

His report is for Executive Session.

### **VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Acting President Cramer announced that we currently have one opening on the Police Pension Board and one on the Parks Commission. Anyone interested can e-mail or call her with their experience, interest and desire to serve. She will be happy to discuss these positions with any interested resident.

She also announced that we have an immediate need for a new Crossing Guard. Anyone interested should contact Chief Lukasik.

Acting President Cramer acknowledged the snowplowing efforts of our Public Works Department over the last two months. This has been a brutal winter with record amounts of snow, ice and extreme temperatures. Plus, the Illinois salt supply has been limited by suppliers and the cost has greatly increased. On behalf of the Village Board, she thanked the Public Works Department for their countless extended hours and the efforts they have put into making our streets safe for winter driving.

### **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Osten reported the annual TIF meeting will be Friday, January 23, 2009 at the Village Hall. Trustee Pelletier asked if TIF money could be used for a sidewalk between

Dominick's and Tuesday Morning. It could not because that is not public infrastructure. There was a short discussion on any excess TIF money. It was decided to be used toward a future use.

Administrator Osten reported the Public Works Committee discussed an RFP for a road condition survey at their meeting. He would like to send out the notice to various engineering firms and put an article into the newspaper. **Trustee Pelletier made a motion to recommend beginning the bid process for a Road Condition Survey. Trustee Figurski seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

He reported there would be a Selection Committee consisting of himself, Acting Superintendent Huizinga, Assistant Superintendent Zintl and two Trustees. Trustees Pelletier and Figurski both volunteered. All were in favor.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT**

Nothing to report

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Fox River Grove Business Roundtable will be on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall.
- The Cary Grove Area Chamber of Commerce Community Showcase will be February 28<sup>th</sup> at the high school. Please sign up for a time slot to help in the Village booth. Village Clerk Brouder passed around the sign-up sheet.
- Trustee Pelletier mentioned about the volunteer list under her report.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Administrator Osten stated the Retail Development Trade show is February 25<sup>th</sup>. The Village has attended and manned a booth the past seven years. Developers and real estate agents attend the show and stop by the booth for information, etc. Preferred Development was a result of this trade show. Trustees Figurski and Menzel, Don Kendeigh, Bob Nunamaker and Administrator Osten have all attended. This year Mr. Nunamaker will be attending, but we are not having a display booth.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**~ Acting President Cramer made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss pending litigation, personnel and Attorney/Client privilege matters. Trustee Menzel seconded.** All were in favor. **Acting President Cramer made a motion to return to the Village Board meeting at 8:31 p.m. Trustee Bowman seconded.** All were in favor.

**Acting President Cramer made a motion to prepare a Notice of Default for the Talon Letters of Credit as advised by Attorney Donahue and to confer with Acting President Cramer, Administrator Osten if any decisions need to be made before the next Village Board meeting. Trustee Figurski seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**~ Trustee Pelletier made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 8:32 p.m. Trustee Tuman seconded.** All were in favor.

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Cindy Cramer, Acting Village President

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Date Approved

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Donna M. Brouder, Village Clerk