

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Nunamaker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Center. Present at roll call were Trustees Bowman, Cramer, Figurski, Ireland and Menzel. Attorney Donahue, Chief Lukasik, Administrator Osten and Village Clerk Brouder were also present. Trustee Tuman was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

~ **Trustee Bowman made a motion to approve the Board Minutes of the April 16, 2009 meeting. Trustee Menzel seconded.** The motion passed by a roll call of four yes votes. Trustee Ireland abstained.

VISITOR'S PRESENT

Present in the audience were retired Village of Cary President Steve Lamal, resident Marylou Nunamaker and Sergeant Domagala.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

~ President Nunamaker read a proclamation and presented it to Steve Lamal along with a gift certificate from the Village of Fox River Grove. Mr. Lamal stated that many things bring Cary and Fox River Grove together. The new mayor, Tom Kierna agrees that the two communities should work together. Mayor Kierna has fifty years of experience in Cary ~ he grew up there and raised his own family there. Mr. Lamal thanked President Nunamaker and the Village and stated he is humbled by our appreciation. He will keep in touch.

~ President Nunamaker read a Proclamation proclaiming the month of June as "Leave No Child Inside". Trustee Cramer explained this is an initiative supported by a consortium of many, consisting of local communities, libraries, school districts, parks and recreation departments, government entities and organizations that are all collaborating to bring children back to nature based experiences. Trustee Cramer invited all members to a presentation at the June 3rd Parks Commission meeting.

~ President Nunamaker announced a tentative date of July 11th about 8:15 p.m., for a Memorial Dedication for Kay Laube. The Village has planted a tree near the Picnic Grove Park playground and will place a large boulder with a dedication plaque there. The Fox River Grove Lioness Club is donating two benches for the playground in her honor.

~ President Nunamaker recommended the appointment of Dr. Jackie Krause to the Police Pension Board. **Trustee Figurski made a motion to concur with Dr. Krause's appointment. Trustee Bowman seconded.** All were in favor.

~ President Nunamaker would like to use a consent agenda for the Village Board meetings. All items are discussed at committee level before the Village Board meeting. If there is an item that a Trustee wants removed from the consent agenda, he can state that before the motion is made. All Trustees were in favor of the consent agenda.

~ There was a discussion about the Village's sales tax amounts. They are pretty stagnant at this time. Village expenses keep going up. There is no tax cap on the cost of living. The Village has talked with developers about TIF or business districts, but when the economy went down, the developers disappeared. What should the Village do? President Nunamaker would like to have a strategy session meeting. It will be a public meeting. All Trustees were agreeable. The meeting will be May 28th at 6:30 p.m. Department Heads will be included.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

NWMC ~ Trustee Figurski reported the following ~

- Attendees of Legislative Days feel they made some headway. There were 250 firefighters and their lobbyist also there.
- HB 650 allows retired employees to opt back into the health plan after refusing insurance at retirement. This bill is still in committee.
- HB 923 is for a higher paying Active Duty Disability as opposed to Working Men's Comp Disability when injured during routine maintenance. This bill will probably be defeated.
- SB2091 is to reset the date for full funding public safety pension 2033-2049. There was a compromise of a cap increase for two years of no more than 10%.
- SB43 Prevailing Wage Act says if a municipality borrows money to a developer or business, the developer has to pay prevailing wage.
- SB1555 requires all municipalities to purchase US manufactured vehicles. Crown Victorias and big trucks are made in Canada.
- The capital budget has been promised to be completed this session.
- June 24th is the annual banquet at Makray Golf Course.
- New Mayors dinner is June 3rd in Glenview.

MCCOG ~ President Nunamaker reported the 2030 plan is schizophrenic. They like open spaces and preserves, good groundwater and trees. They want people to build around municipalities and train stations, but the County Board reserves the right to convert open fields to high density housing whenever they want. They want Village support and to incorporate our planning documents to be included in the County plan. Administrator Osten stated the Village can send a resolution, but really needs to have a strategy.

IML ~ Nothing discussed.

~ **Trustee Figurski made a motion to adopt a resolution for State Capital Funding. Trustee Ireland seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes. This resolution will be sent to the Governor, Senators Althoff and Duffy and House Representatives Tryon and Beaubien. This will be Resolution 2009-03.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Report for April 2009. Trustee Cramer seconded.** The motion was approved by a roll call of five yes votes.

~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to approve payment of \$56,690.11 to Baxter & Woodman for design engineering for the 09/10 MFT Road Program. Trustee Figurski seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes.

~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to approve payment of \$8,300 to Baxter & Woodman for GIS. Trustee Figurski seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes.

~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to approve the purchase of a copier for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$2,147 to CORE Print Solutions. Trustee Figurski seconded.**

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

~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$3,995 for squad car printers. Trustee Figurski seconded.** This money is 100% reimbursed through an IDOT grant. It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes.

~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to approve an expenditure for Countryside Nursery in the amount of \$10,000 for the U-Verse Cabinets Landscaping and to reserve the additional \$2,000 for labor and maintenance. Trustee Figurski seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes.

~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to approve a \$15,000 supplemental expenditure for the 09/10 MFT Road Program to complete the southeast side of Lincoln Avenue triangle. Trustee Ireland seconded.** This section of road has been patched and re-patched and is crumbling. It makes prudent and economic sense to fix the road now. Trustee Figurski does not understand why the Village is going to do this. The extra \$40,000 should be used toward the IMRF pension funding. President Nunamaker stated the Village can invest \$15,000 now and the remaining \$25,000 can be earmarked toward the IMRF funding. The motion was approved by a roll call of four yes votes and one no vote. Trustee Figurski voted no.

~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to enter into a contract with Skirmont Mechanical Contractors, Inc. for RPZ testing. Trustee Figurski seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes.

~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to enter into a rental agreement with U.S. Cellular for \$2,500 per month to mount nine lines (but only using six lines at this time) on our water tower. Rates will be negotiated for anything more. Trustee Figurski seconded.** A U.S. Cellular representative made a presentation at the Finance Meeting. Trustee Figurski suggested re-negotiating with our other antenna renters, especially AT & T and DLS especially. The motion was approved by a roll call of five yes votes.

~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to apply for a 75/25 grant for Narrow-Band squad car radios. Trustee Figurski seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes.

~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to apply for 50% of federal funds for the Secure Our Schools Grant for street signs for fiscal year 10/11. Trustee Cramer seconded.** The full cost is approximately \$5,800. Trustee Cramer asked if anything would be done in the summer or fall, but we won't know the status of the grant until September.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

~ Route 14 curb work - Baxter & Woodman prepared a report on the Route 14 curb work (from Lucille to Opatrny). There are many options to consider and costs could be between \$15,000 to \$260,000. This should be a special service area (SSA) to get the local businesses to buy in. The curbs are temporarily being fixed. This item should go back to Public Works and Finance to decide which option works best for the Village and plan for it.

~ Harbor Team will be dredging to deepen the lagoon area over the next few weeks. They will have geo-tubes collecting the silt. The Harbor Team agreed to do 50 feet shoreline restoration each year and they have already done 400 feet which puts them to year 2012.

~ Sign Replacement – Village needs to replace signs due to new sign regulations slated to be completed by 2018. There are three kinds of signage – street, school and informational. Signs must be changed to retro-reflective material. The signs are bigger and more expensive. This is another unfunded mandate from the federal government. Chief Lukasik would like to see the correct signage in the school zones before the start of next year.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

~ **Trustee Cramer 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 Menzel seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes. This will be Ordinance 2009-14.

~ **Trustee Cramer made a motion to adopt an ordinance amending Section 6-202(a) of**

Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Fox river Grove. Trustee Menzel seconded. It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes. This will be Ordinance 2009-15.
~ New Residential Design Guidelines - The Planning and Economic Development Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval to the Village Board. **Trustee Cramer made a motion to have our Village Attorney prepare an ordinance to implement the design guidelines. Trustee Menzel seconded.** The motion was approved by a roll call of five yes votes.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY’S REPORT

No report.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

No report.

VILLAGE CLERK’S REPORT

~ **Trustee Figurski made a motion to waive the park and sound permit fees and requirements for the Amvets Annual Veterans Picnic on June 10th. Trustee Bowman seconded.** All were in favor.

~ Clerk Brouder reported that we need to order Handicap Parking placards and it was suggested that the Village charge residents for the placard. Clerk Brouder checked with the Village of Cary and they do not charge residents. All Trustees were opposed to charging for these placards.

~ **Trustee Figurski made a motion to adopt an ordinance amending Section 23-139, chapter 23 “Water and Sewers” of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Fox River Grove for the purpose of increasing the rates and charges for the Village’s combined waterworks and sewage system beginning May 1, 2009. Trustee Ireland seconded.** This is just a housekeeping item. The motion was made at the March Village Board meeting, but the ordinance had not been prepared. It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes. This will be Ordinance 2009-16.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCCOG Golf Event will be August 6th if anyone would like to play. The Village will sponsor a hole and foursome. August 10th is the Crimestoppers Golf Outing and June 9th is the FRG Lions and Firefighters Annual Golf Outing.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Cramer stated that there are three sponsors so far for the “Park it on the Fox” Classic Car Show ~ Wickstrom, Costco and the Onion Pub.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss pending litigation, personnel and Land acquisition. Trustee Ireland seconded.** All were in favor. **Trustee Bowman made a motion to return to the Village Board meeting at 9:28 p.m. Trustee Ireland seconded.** All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Robert J. Nunamaker, Village President

Date Approved

Donna M. Brouder, Village Clerk