

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2009

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Nunamaker called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. in the Municipal Center. Present at roll call were Trustees Figurski, Ireland, Menzel and Tuman. Chief Lukasik, Acting Superintendent Jon Huizinga and Village Clerk Brouder were also present. Trustee Cramer entered at 6:35. Trustee Tuman was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (PEDC) APPOINTMENT

President Nunamaker made a recommendation to appoint resident Steve Harris to Planning & Economic Development Commission (PEDC). He explained that Mr. Harris is a good fit for the Commission, has experience in general development and growth of properties. He attended the last PEDC meeting and seems a good fit. **Trustee Figurski made a motion to concur with President Nunamaker's recommendation of Steve Harris to the PEDC. Trustee Ireland seconded.** All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF PROPERTY CONSULTANT AGREEMENT

Trustee Ireland made a motion to approve entering into a contract as presented for land acquisition. Trustee Figurski seconded. It was approved by a roll call of four yes votes.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, STATUS

President Nunamaker stated he read in the newspaper that Woodstock applied for an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency loan funded by the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act for their wastewater plant. The loan would fund the project at a zero percent rate and 25% of the project's cost would be forgiven. The Village of Cary is considering recovery zone bonds to fix their roads. Their mayor says this will have no impact on taxes. They fix the roads and the bonds are paid back with Motor Fuel and Telecommunications Taxes. The advantage is with zero percent interest. President Nunamaker stated our Village's roads are in bad shape, and would this be an option for us. Acting Superintendent Huizinga reported that Baxter & Woodman is currently working on a road condition report. The Village is not sure how long this opportunity will be available. We have several bad roads. Acting Superintendent Huizinga said the Village could do this now for the worst roads and take advantage of the great quotes on road prices right now, but that may take away from future road repairs because we would need to use the annual road money to pay back the bonds.

President Nunamaker reported that he met with Bob Miller from Algonquin Township, Tom Gooch from Cuba Township and Tom Kierna, Mayor of Cary since the last meeting. Mr. Miller stated that he could not help with snow removal or salt storage. His fleet is just the right size, he wouldn't be able to use our people or trucks because his trucks are all computerized and he already stores salt reserves for Village of Cary. He may be able to assist us with equipment repairs, though. Mr. Gooch will not do snow removal. His system is also completely computerized and it would be too costly. He has twice the amount of roads as Algonquin Township. He would be happy to supply and store our salt in 2010/2011. Salt cost is \$60/ton. He is also willing to repair all of our equipment and will allow use of his truck wash. He is very proud of his repair bays and computer diagnostics. He would charge about \$65/hour plus parts at wholesale costs. If during the night the price would go up to \$85/hour. President Nunamaker was not sure about using Cuba's front loader or how we would get access into the township yard. He did say that Cuba has bunks at the township and his drivers sleep there during bad weather.

Acting Superintendent stated that he is looking at putting up a temporary cover on our own salt. We have stored salt at Algonquin Township before and it takes additional time to drive there, load up and drive back to town. The Trustees stated this is a temporary short-term situation and not the best. Maybe the Village can try it for a year and see how it works out. President Nunamaker stated that Trustee Ireland, Administrator Osten and Acting Superintendent Huizinga are working together to evaluate the grass cutting/snow plowing outsourcing and combining with another town.

Mr. Kierna may discuss a joint police force at a later date. He would like to combine contracts to get better prices for landscape work and lot plowing and suggested we become part of his contract. He would like us to help support the Cary Grove High School police officer. Chief Lukasik suggested giving service rather than money. He would like to have an officer attend the football games and build relationships with the students. Or to teach programs like Operation Lifesaver at the high school. He wants our officers to be visible. There was a question regarding overtime – Chief said it would be about 15 hours for five football games. Trustee Ireland suggested this should be in School District #155's budget. President Nunamaker said the School District contributes \$20K, Cary does about \$9K, Trout Valley does \$2-3K and Oakwood Hills contributes something, although Mr. Kierna was not sure of the amount. Mr. Kierna asked how our Village can justify not contributing. President Nunamaker suggested we give a token amount of \$1K and have our officers attend school games or teach programs. The Trustees liked the idea of being visible at the school.

President Nunamaker and Administrator Osten are still going to meet with Mayor Richardson from Lake Barrington. There was a mix-up for the last date and they are in the process of setting another one.

President Nunamaker reported that he, Administrator Osten and Trustee Figurski (for two of the meetings) met with three redevelopment planners. They each talked about the Village's vision and doing a Market Study to see what the area will support. Projects are being done and money is available. The first was Terry Jenkins from Business Districts, Inc. He stated that if a town has a train they will make 6% more in sales. Mr. Jenkins can do the whole job and will contract in parts. He said a Market Study would cost about \$5K. He is very knowledgeable, will help with everything, will talk to the property owners and contact developers. Second was Mark Angelini from S.B. Friedman Co. He said the visioning and Market Study will cost about \$60K. He will do pretty much the same as the first planner, but he wants a contract for the whole job and the Village would need to work with the property owners. The third was John LaMotte from Lakota Group Inc. Trustee Figurski was not at this meeting. Mr. LaMotte will do the same as the others. Wants \$30K - \$40K to start up and will also do the job in parts. He said the Village has already completed a lot of the work with CMAP and Metra. He will review what we already have for \$2K. President Nunamaker stated that Marengo is doing the same kind of idea. He is using Houseal Lavigne.

Trustee Figurski is developing a “Request for Quote” (RFQ) so the Village can price exactly the same things. The request will be sent to the four planners. President Nunamaker is getting McHenry’s plan from their mayor, Sue Low. Trustee Figurski said each group was impressive. Trustee Ireland suggested looking at what obligations and hinderances the Village may face, such as, property acquisition and condemnation.

Trustee Ireland asked how well the TIF paid off. He is not sure it did what it was supposed to. President Nunamaker stated that property values in the TIF have increased. The Village does not offer anything, and residents don’t see us doing anything. Attorney Rosenthal recommended the Village do a TIF ~ there isn’t any grant money available. If the Village doesn’t do anything, things will stay as they are. Other businesses, not in the TIF, move in because of the TIF area and what it accomplished. We need to look forward and move ahead.

Trustee Menzel thanked President Nunamaker for all of the work he has done. He is doing a fine job of leading.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, August 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Ireland made a motion to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Trustee Figurski seconded. All were in favor.

Robert J. Nunamaker, Village President

Date Approved

Donna M. Brouder, Village Clerk