

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2009

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Nunamaker called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. in the Municipal Center. Present at roll call were Trustees Cramer, Figurski, Ireland, Menzel and Tuman, Chief Lukasik, Administrator Osten and Village Clerk Brouder. Resident Steve Knar and Reporter Brett Rowland also attended.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

VILLAGE BOARD APPOINTMENT

President Nunamaker opened the meeting with questions for Steve Knar. The Trustees asked him about his experience, volunteerism, commitment to the Village, familiarity with the Lake County part of Fox River Grove, his ability to attend meetings, his resigning from the School Board, why he would want to leave the School Board and why he took out a petition to run for Village Trustee in April, but never turned it in.

Mr. Knar stated that he has been a resident of Fox River Grove for 17 years. He has coached soccer and baseball. He is aware of the Lake County part of the Village – he coaches at Hunters Farm Park. He is a salesman and is able to be flexible with his time. His resignation from the School Board is automatic once he is appointed to the Village Board. He looks at the Village Board as a new opportunity. He feels the School Board is probably set until 2013. His commitment to the Village Board would mirror his time on the School Board ~ he would take ownership, do what he thought was best for the community and spend taxpayers money as his own. He stated that he didn't turn in his petition in April because he wanted to see the school renovations completed, and personally, with the downturn in the economy, he had to focus on his business. **Trustee Figurski made a motion to concur with the appointment of Steve Knar to Village Trustee. Trustee Ireland seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes.

CARY-GROVE HIGH SCHOOL POLICE SERVICE

President Nunamaker stated that the Village of Cary asked Fox River Grove to contribute money toward the high school police officer. This was after we had already passed our budget. Chief Lukasik and President Nunamaker met recently with the Cary-Grove High School principal. They proposed having a Fox River Grove officer attend football games and possibly do some Operation Lifesaver programs rather than contributing money. This seemed like a good plan and does try to bring the Cary and Fox River Grove communities together. The Village of Cary does not want to do this, so the matter is closed.

TIF STATUS

President Nunamaker made a short presentation to the Board regarding the status of our TIF. He stated he has rounded the numbers for the following ~ Dominick’s contributed \$9M to the Village’s \$1.6M; Walgreens contributed \$5,000,100 versus Village’s \$1.5M; Panera \$7.6M versus Village’s \$1M; Stone Hill Center remodeling \$1.5M versus the Village’s \$475,000. The Village contributed \$4.5M versus developers \$26,725,000 over a 20-year period. He stated that every year the TIF has covered our principle and interest costs. These developments will bring in \$787,000 annually at the end of the TIF period.

Besides the businesses listed above that were made possible because of the TIF, other businesses came without benefit of the TIF ~ Brunch Café, Armanetti’s and Car X. They are not located in the TIF District and have brought in additional sales tax.

The Village will be considering if they should make a TIF for the downtown area or wait until a developer approaches the Village. Even if the Village develops the TIF, we do not have to use it. Trustee Ireland stated there has to be some kind of developer incentive without putting burden on Village and other taxing bodies. There are different ways to design a TIF and ways to give development incentives.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Menzel made a motion to enter into Executive session to discuss property acquisition. Trustee Figurski seconded. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Figurski made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Trustee Tuman seconded. All were in favor.

Robert J. Nunamaker, Village President

Date Approved

Donna M. Brouder, Village Clerk