

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD**  
**MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011**

**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 Blohm, Figurski, Ireland, Knar, Menzel and Tuman. Attorney Donahue, Chief Lukasik, Treasurer Toppel, Administrator Osten and Village Clerk Brouder were also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

~ **Trustee Knar made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2011 Village Board Meeting. Trustee Menzel seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

**VISITOR'S PRESENT**

Present were some of the members and parents of the Fox River Grove Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Team, Walter Weinert, as well as Trustee elects Joanna Colletti and Michael Schiestel, and Robert Curtis to talk about the Bike Race.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Nunamaker invited the Volleyball Team and their Coach Caroline Vellinga, to come forward and read them a Congratulatory Proclamation for winning the Suburban Middle School Conference Championship. Photos were taken and he gave them each their own proclamation.

**Walter Weinert, 903 Lincoln Avenue**, stated he wants to extend his current wood fence. He gave President Nunamaker a plan and he will forward it to the Building & Zoning Department.

President Nunamaker announced re-appointments to Planning & Economic Development Commission (PEDC), Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), and the Parks Commission. They are Melissa Schladt to PEDC, Dave Dufern and Fred Rosch to ZBA, and Bill Conway and Dan Otto to Parks Commission. **Trustee Menzel made a motion to concur with the appointments and Trustee Blohm seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

President Nunamaker stated the Village will be hiring a part-time Building and Zoning official and would like to have a Trustee serve on this sub-committee. Trustee elect Michael Schiestel volunteered. They will begin interviewing on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

~ Trustee Figurski reported he attended three Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) meetings and the primary concern is protecting local revenues – the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF). The State holds back 10% – 30% of funds. This is a loss of approximately \$113,000 in revenues for Fox River Grove. This money is not a grant from the State, but was the basis of an agreement for state income tax from 1969. The State already increased it 5% and keeps 2% of that. Now they want to keep 30% of the remaining 3%. The NWMC developed a package to inform the legislators and public. The package includes sample letters and a resolution opposing the reduction, and a model press release and sample letter to the newspapers. The members fear the budget will be pushed through and Village's will not know. NWMC is considering hiring a public relations firm which would cost between \$100 - \$500 per municipality.

~ Trustee Figurski also reported the conference is supporting HB 2925 which is working to define what is a catastrophic injury to make it clearer.

~ They are also opposed to sales tax being re-directed from where it is actually sold and manufactured. This could allow a company to set up in a low sales tax area of the state and divert sales tax from the region.

~ Northwest Municipal Conference elected new officers for the coming year.

~ President Nunamaker reported that all groups are talking about the Local Government Distributive Fund. These are statutory transfers – what the State gives, they can take away. Representative Franks is against this and maybe Representative Tryon, also.

## CONSENT AGENDA

~ **Trustee Blohm made a motion to establish the consent agenda of Items 7A – 7G. Trustee Knar seconded.** The agenda items being included are ~

A. Accounts Payable, March 2011, B. Police Radar Unit -- \$1,399, C. WTP#1 Ceiling Repairs, SW Drywall -- \$4,100, D. Blower, B&W -- \$2,040//0//\$5,000, E. Agreement: Wakeboard Show @ Fireworks Festival F. Resolution: 2011 MFT -- \$4,900, G. Ordinance: W&S Rate Increase.

The motion to establish the consent agenda was approved by a roll call of six yes votes. **Trustee Menzel made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Ireland seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes. The Resolution for 2011 MFT will be 2011-03 and the Ordinance for the Water and Sewer Rate Increase will be Ordinance 2011-08.

## VISITOR'S COMMENTS

**Robert Curtis, 612 N. Lyle Avenue, Elgin, IL**, stated he is small business owner. He heard the annual Bike Race is not being held this year due to lack of sponsorships. He said he currently runs three teams and sponsors three others. He has contacted RDS (the Village's current bike race promoter) to be a financial sponsor, but has been unable to work it out. He asked if the Village would consider changing the date. No, the Village would not want to change the date. Residents are used to this date. President Nunamaker took a straw poll and Trustees were agreeable to having the race. Administrator Osten had a list of items that would need to be addressed. They were \$2,500 up front, \$3M aggregate insurance, race timing – 10 minutes between races and end at 4 p.m., hay bales need to be put out, secure an announcer, grand stand, signed agreement with Norge, prize money, directional and no parking signs, deliver a letter to residents, Chief race judge, USC permit, split profit with Village and Big Brothers & Sisters, and have organizational meeting with staff. Trustee Menzel stated the race is May 15<sup>th</sup> – can this all be done? Chief Lukasik has already contacted Emergency Management, but won't know until next Wednesday. There are eight intersections and we need approximately 8 – 12 people. Trustee Blohm asked if we can ask our own Police Department and the race promoter would pay for the overtime. President Nunamaker stated Mr. Curtis should set up a meeting and if Administrator Osten and Chief Lukasik are good with it, then the Village is OK with doing it. Mr. Curtis added that he also has volunteers.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

President Nunamaker stated there are three things to be considered for the budget. The bluegrass band for the fireworks show, the robust road program – MFT and General Fund, and the need to verify raises for the staff.

~ Trustee Tuman was able to secure a bluegrass band ~ “Left in the Dust”. **Trustee Tuman made a motion to put \$500 back in the budget. Trustee Figurski seconded.** The band would play from 6 –7 p.m. before the wakeboard show, then again after the show and before the fireworks. Trustee Knar agreed with it and feels people will come to the park early for the band and wakeboard show, so we should be able to recover the costs. It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

~ This is the last year for a robust Road Program. Public Works came up with several more roads we can do. This is a capital project. **Trustee Menzel made a motion to transfer \$125,000 from Red Speed to General Fund for the Road Program. Trustee Figurski seconded.** The motion was approved by a roll call of five yes votes and one no vote. Trustee Knar voted no.

~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to approve 2% increases for exempt employees ~ the Administrator, Chief, Superintendent of Public Works and Village Clerk. Trustee Figurski seconded.** Trustee Menzel stated there has been an increase in the economy, new home sales are up, employment has increased substantially, stock market increased. Reviewing cost savings made in this budget are \$56,000 insurance, Part-time Police, Part-time Building & Zoning person, overtime, Village Hall lighting. Trustee Menzel has been the Finance Chair. The Police Department is \$37,000 under budget, Streets & Parks \$37,000 under budget, Water & Sewer \$110,000 under budget. One Department is \$4,000 over due to computer problems, supplies and paper. The exempt employees run their Departments under budget. It is \$7,290 to give 2% raises to them. This is a justified expense. Trustee Knar stated that he looks at the economy differently. He views things as “half-empty”. Fuel costs are rising. He is a small business owner. The Budget Officer has stated any further cuts and we will have to cut services. We have been able to maintain employment for the Village. He would be uncomfortable giving raises. This would be deficit spending and he is against it. Trustee Ireland agreed some things are improving and some are not. The State of Illinois is not in good shape. He has concerns about the police pension. He agrees there is a need to do something, but maybe 2% isn’t the right number. Trustee Blohm agrees with both Trustees. She feels if 2% is given to everyone else, that is what the Police will expect. She would not vote in favor. President Nunamaker stated Red Speed is real money that we spend on capital projects. The Road Program is a real capital project. Two police officers retired and the Chief will fill in with part time officers as he sees fit. Trustee Tuman said it would actually be 1% not 2% because they did not receive anything last year. Trustee Figurski added the State of Illinois needs to fight for their money. The State has not cut anything from their budget. Police have gotten very good raises the past years and the other employees have gotten nothing. This is only \$7,000. You hear about other towns where the employees don’t get along and our Village is fortunate that our employees all get along. He will vote yes. A roll call vote was taken and Trustees Blohm, Ireland and Knar voted no and Trustees Figurski, Menzel and Tuman and President Nunamaker voted yes. The motion will pass.

**President Nunamaker opened the Public Hearing for the fiscal year 2011/2012 Budget at 7:55 p.m.** Administrator Osten gave a brief overview. The Village faces challenges, but has kept a tight rein on spending. We have a balanced operating budget. We are hiring part-time employees. Will continue working on downtown redevelopment. He also thanked Penny, Barb, and Jon Huizinga for all their work in completing the budget. The Public Hearing closed at 7:57 p.m.

**Trustee Menzel made a motion to adopt an ordinance for the budget of the Village of Fox River Grove for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2011 and ending April 30, 2012 with the three changes presented and amended tonight. Trustee Figurski seconded.** Trustees Blohm, Ireland and Knar voted no and Trustees Menzel, Figurski, Tuman and President Nunamaker voted yes. The motion passed.

### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

~ **Trustee Ireland made a motion to approve the Snow Hazard Policy dated April 8, 2011. Trustee Knar seconded.** This is a housekeeping item. The motion passed with a roll call of six yes votes.

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

~ NIXLE is no longer going to be available for free to the Village. We would have to pay \$1,499 annually. A Village resident, Chad Koralik, has a company that will do the emails. He is attending the Public Health & Safety meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. All Trustees agreed the Village should stop NIXLE due to the expense.

~ Fire sprinklers will be discussed at May 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Health & Safety meeting. The Fire District and Chamber of Commerce will be notified.

~ Should we survey other communities to see if they have any regulations on tarps? It was decided to wait until the new Board begins to address this.

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

~ Attorney Donahue will have a short report after Executive session.

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

~ **Trustee Knar made a motion to approve the Plat of Stormwater and Drainage Restriction for the Public Works Parcel. Trustee Ireland seconded.** It was approved by roll call of six yes votes.

### **VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT**

~ **Trustee Figurski made a motion to waive the park and sound permit fees and requirements for the Amvets Veteran's Picnic June 29, 2011. Trustee Tuman seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

~ **Trustee Blohm made a motion to waive the fidelity bond requirements for the Fox River Grove Harbor Team \$100 raffle May 21, 2011. Trustee Figurski seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

~ **Trustee Knar made a motion to waive the fidelity bond requirement for WINGS Program Raffle at Tin Man's Pub May 1, 2011. Trustee Ireland seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

### **OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

~ President Nunamaker presented Trustee Figurski with a desk clock and Trustee Tuman with a wall plaque for their years of service. They both served from 2003 to 2011. He thanked them for their dedication and hard work.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

~ **Trustee Figurski made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. Trustee Knar seconded.** All were in favor. **Trustee Ireland made a motion to leave Executive Session and return to Village Board meeting at 8:52 p.m. Trustee Knar seconded.** All were in favor.

~ Trustee Knar made a motion to approve an ordinance withdrawing from the Northern Illinois Municipal Natural Gas Franchise Consortium with the adjustments from Administrator Osten. Trustee Ireland seconded. It was approved by a roll call of six yes votes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

~ Trustee Ireland motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 8:53 p.m. Trustee Blohm seconded. All were in favor.

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Robert J. Nunamaker, Village President

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Date Approved

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Donna M. Brouder, Village Clerk