

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 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 Colletti, Ireland, Knar, Menzel and Schiestel. Attorney Donahue, Chief Lukasik, Administrator Osten and Village Clerk Brouder were also present. Trustee Blohm was out of town.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2011 Village Board Meeting. Trustee Schiestel seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes. **Trustee Menzel made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2011 Special Board Meeting. Trustee Ireland seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes.

VISITOR'S PRESENT

Present at the meeting were residents Ted Johnson, Walter Weinert, Robert & Barbara Hughes. Miss Fox River Grove 2010 Tara Lauritsen and her parents, Rich and Wendy, David Hoover, Director of Northern Illinois Municipal Electricity Consortium (NIMEC) and reporter Katie Anderson were also present.

Mr. Johnson stated that he and his neighbors heard the Board had been invited to the castle for a get together. They are concerned this would be a conflict of interest if they attended and that this is a political move on the Strohl's part. He asked if the Trustees planned on attending. President Nunamaker replied this is a free country and anyone can host a party. Trustee Menzel stated he would not be going. Trustee Schiestel added he has never been there and has no idea what the property is like and would like to tour the grounds. He hadn't decided if he would attend. Trustee Knar would not be going. Trustee Colletti stated she has a conflict. Trustee Ireland reiterated that anyone can host a party and he wouldn't look at it for anything more. He already has plans for that night.

Mr. Weinert stated the Village is cutting six-foot squares and putting new blacktop on Algonquin and North River Road. He said that Lincoln Avenue west of South River Road needs repairs, too and asked if the Village would please do that area. Trustee Ireland invited him to attend the Public Works meeting to discuss that.

President Nunamaker presented Tara Lauritsen with a bouquet of flowers and thanked her for representing Fox River Grove last year. She will be attending University of Iowa. He wished her well in her future.

VLLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

~ President Nunamaker said downtown redevelopment will be discussed later in the meeting. He moved to the public hearing portion of our meeting.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Knar opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. for the Electrical Aggregation Program.

Mr. Dave Hoover is the Director of Northern Illinois Municipal Electricity Consortium (NIMEC), which consists of a buying group of 100 municipalities. Many have taken advantage of purchasing power for their residents. They procure rates for municipalities. It looks like preliminary costs are about \$125 lower per year. ComEd will still bill and service customers. Mr. Weinert stated that in Wisconsin they use windmill and solar power. Mr. Hoover replied that is commendable, but the State wants everything green. Trustee Knar asked if the fact that energy costs are very expensive, will affect getting two and three-year contracts. Mr. Hoover said he had seen an article about closing coal plants and that is not supposed to happen until 2015 – 2017. A resident asked how it would work for a new resident. Mr. Hoover said the resident would have to call to sign up. **Public Hearing closed at 7:17 p.m.**

~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to adopt an ordinance authorizing the Village to participate in the aggregation of electrical loan program. Trustee Schiestel seconded.** The Village Administrator has authority to sign the contract after consulting with the Village President or Finance Chair. The date is June 23rd. The motion was approved by a roll call of five yes votes. President Nunamaker applauded the Village Board for getting this passed and moving forward.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

~ Trustee Menzel reported the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) was on holiday for summer.

~ President Nunamaker said McHenry County Council of Governments (MCCOG) reported the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) had been saved by the Senate. Now, the Governor said he will be stopping road programs and told everyone to return to Springfield. He is looking to replace the LGDF with the road program. MCCOG wants everyone to contact their legislators. Dan Duffy is ours. The cost to us is about \$123,000.

CONSENT AGENDA

~ The agenda items are ~ A. Accounts Payable, May 2011; B. Ordinance amending Municipal Code 3-8(a)iii – alcohol in parks. C. Contract Employee Assistance Program for \$1,700; D. 2001 Dodge Truck Fender Repair, A-1 - \$1,172.56. Trustee Knar asked to remove Item 7B – **Trustee Menzel made a motion to establish the consent agenda of Items 7A, C, and D. Trustee Ireland seconded.** The motion passed by a roll call of five yes votes. **Trustee Menzel made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Knar seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes. **Trustee Menzel made a motion to adopt an ordinance amending Section 3-8(a)iii of Chapter 3 Alcoholic Beverages of the code of Ordinances of the Village of Fox River Grove. Trustee Colletti seconded.** Trustee Knar stated the ordinance changes the alcohol serving time to 10 p.m. for Friday and Saturday park events. He would rather approve exemptions on an individual basis and not change the ordinance. The motion was approved by a roll call of four yes votes and one no vote. Trustee Knar voted no. This will be Ordinance 2011-17.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

~ **Trustee Ireland made a motion to approve the Fire Protection District's communications equipment on our water tower provided they meet the engineering structural reviews and all costs be paid for by the Fire Protection District. Trustee Colletti seconded.** The Fire Protection District and four other municipalities received a grant for this. They have been having trouble with

their radios. The Village is waiting for AT & T to finish their work to make sure the tower can support the additional equipment. They will be located at the top of the tower. This motion was approved by a roll call of five yes votes.

~ The WTP#1 weld failures will be discussed in Executive session.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

~ **Trustee Knar made a motion to adopt an ordinance amending Sections 6-3, 6-11 and 6-12 of Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Fox River Grove. Trustee Ireland seconded.** This ordinance addresses new construction and multi-family, 1- 3 stories. This does not include remodels. That will be done later. The motion was approved by a roll call of five yes votes. This will be Ordinance 2011-18.

~ Chief Lukasik stated CDI email blasts was discussed at the May Public Health & Safety meeting. Some members were concerned about confidentiality. They wanted the Village Attorney to draw up a contract stating CDI would not sell any email addresses. Trustee Knar wanted to see that there would be no cost to the Village. Chief Lukasik stated there would not be any cost for the Police Department, but with Village emails he would like to have a line on the bottom saying “donated by CDI”. President Nunamaker asked each Trustee if they would be all right with a line of advertising on the bottom of the email. Trustees Colletti, Ireland, Knar and Schiestel said yes and Trustee Menzel said no. Attorney Donahue added the contract would contain no sale of email addresses, no pop-up ads and no active links to another site other than the removal link. **Trustee Knar made a motion to have the Village Attorney draw up a contract between the Village and CDI Create to send emails out for the Police Department and the Village to be reviewed at Public Health and Safety. Trustee Colletti seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of four yes and one no vote. Trustee Menzel voted no.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY’S REPORT

~ **Trustee Knar made a motion to approve an ordinance adopting the State of Illinois Prevailing Wage. Trustee Ireland seconded.** This will done on an annual basis. The motion was approved by a roll call of four yes votes and one no vote. Trustee Menzel voted no. This will be Ordinance 2011-19.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

~ Administrator Osten reported he is still working with AT & T on the water tower agreement and lease fees. They will be submitting a proposal shortly. This is critical for the Fire Protection District. They have received a grant to add radio antennas, but we have to wait until AT & T is done to be sure the water tower can support the additional weight.

Some other items he has been working on are ~

~ Camera for the front door, so the Clerks Office can see who is entering. The cost is about \$600.

~ Return on investment – have some guidelines if someone comes in. He will have it approved when ready.

~ Had a meeting with the Engineers, Superintendent Huizinga, and MJG Construction. Hopes to have the grading going by mid July. There is a pre-construction meeting with Lake County Stormwater on June 23rd.

~ Fireworks Committee is all ready. Buy FRG cards are available – Planning & Economic Development worked very hard getting this done. We will be trying something new this year. We will sell the cards to community groups for \$3 and they can sell them for \$5 and make a \$2 profit. This will help to get the cards out there. There will be no consignments this year.

~ Hunters Farm playground equipment is being installed. (He shared a photo of the progress.) Hope to have a grand opening soon.

VILLAGE CLERK’S REPORT

~ **Trustee Knar made a motion to waive the park and sound permit fees for the FRG Memorial Library Reading Program Picnic on July 29, 2011. Trustee Schiestel seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes.

~ **Trustee Knar made a motion to waive the park permit fees for United Methodist Church Service on July 31, 2011. Trustee Ireland seconded.** It was approved by a roll call of five yes votes.

~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to adopt a Resolution of the McHenry County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Trustee Knar seconded.** We adopted this resolution for Lake County last month. The motion was approved by a roll call of five yes votes. This will be Resolution 2011- 04.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ Downtown Redevelopment – President Nunamaker summarized the many items were discussed at the Finance meeting. There is a definite eagerness to do the downtown. The consultants told us not to force the market. The Village is still getting the new Metra station. There was a discussion on TIF’s (Tax Increment Financing), Business Districts, and a sales tax increase. The Village does not have the money to set up funding for a development. There is a concern that a ¼% sales tax increase will not pass. Another concern is not having a TIF in place will not attract the developers. Legislation for TIF’s is changing and the Village should go forward with it and get it in place. Trustee Menzel stated the ¼% sales tax increase is a noble idea, but is not sure it would pass. People would see the train depot developing and Area 2 would be the place for developers. The Village needs to get ready with the TIF. People are looking for apartments. Either they don’t want the mortgage or can’t get the financing to purchase. We need to get moving. Trustee Ireland stated there are many phases and a lot of unknowns. He would like to hear what the residents think. Not sure if he is comfortable with TIF. The Village needs to be in touch with the property owners and keep in touch with the developers and experts. He suggested a special meeting in late July. He will have met with the stakeholders by then. Trustee Knar would like to discuss the specifics of how much money we would get and what kind of bond we could purchase – needs to know the rate forecast. Trustee Menzel added the Village needs to do serious consideration for a TIF and apartments. The agenda for July should include a referendum, what the money will be used toward and a TIF. Attorney Donahue added hiring a TIF consultant for eligibility is important. It takes about three months to do a study. The Board has many questions about a TIF and needs an expert person. It was decided to have the meeting July 28th at 6 p.m. Both Attorney Donahue and Administrator Osten will be on vacation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

~ **Trustee Schiestel made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss litigation, collective bargaining and personnel. Trustee Knar seconded.** All were in favor. **Trustee Colletti made a motion to leave Executive Session and return to Village Board meeting at 9:15 p.m. Trustee Knar seconded.** All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

~ **Trustee Ireland made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 9:15 p.m. Trustee Knar seconded.** All were in favor.

Robert J. Nunamaker, Village President

Date Approved

Donna M. Brouder, Village Clerk