

**VILLAGE OF FOX RIVER GROVE
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY
JANUARY 8, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Menzel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present at roll call were Trustees Bowman, Figurski, Menzel and Pelletier. Also present were Administrator Osten, Chief Lukasik and Deputy Clerk Majkrzak.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2007 MINUTES:

Trustee Figurski made a motion to approve the Public Health & Safety meeting minutes of December 4, 2007. Trustee Pelletier seconded. Roll call vote was taken – all were in favor.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

Walter Weinert, 903 Lincoln – said that his neighbor's car broke down and he told Mr. Weinert that the police officer wasn't helpful. Trustee Menzel suggested that for police issues he make an appointment to talk to the Chief. Chief Lukasik asked that the neighbor call him directly to discuss the situation.

BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT

B&Z Supt. Ulrich passed out his monthly report. Trustee Menzel asked for a status on Moretti's – they have the 3 Chef's property under contract. Next step is a variance for a special use for outdoor seating (rooftop) and off-street parking. They are planning to open in July. Brunch Café is almost ready for final inspection. Curt has talked to Café Salsa regarding their sign. They would like to just turn the wording to the inside. Art asked if they could paint over the words and then turn it to the inside. Dunkin Donuts has their paving done so there is a possibility that they could open sooner. Preferred Development and River Pointe have worked out their issues for shifting the full access driveway. IDOT has agreed and Preferred is waiting for the IDOT permit before they begin. The ditch will be re-designed at that time. Totally Fit has moved to Barrington and the Thoughtfulness Shop is closing.

Curt informed the Committee that the ISO rating for the Village has been improved from a category 3 to a category 2. We are one of only a few communities in the state and nation to be so rated. The members thanked Curt for his efforts.

Window Sign Regulation – Supt. Ulrich reiterated last month's discussion and asked for

input from the trustees. Trustee Figurski stated that he has looked at the signs for the tobacco shop and Fox Pantry/Top Shelf Liquors and stated that Top Shelf Liquors is looking better. He then suggested tabling this issue and the Committee unanimously agreed.

Fox Glen Punchlist – Supt. Ulrich stated that B&W (per their 1-3-08 letter) inspected the property and the punchlist is complete except for 2 items – stormwater grading for the parking lot and the excess stockpiling of dirt on the Village's lot. The stormwater issue will be corrected. The developer insists the Village gave him permission to leave the stockpile permanently. Attorney Rosenthal will be sending the developer a letter to the contrary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Lukasik passed out the monthly reports. There were 290 calls in December vs. 243 in 2006. There were 110 traffic citations issued and 8 DUI arrests. There were a total of 3,840 calls in 2007 compared to 3,212 in 2006 which is a 19 ½ % increase. Applications for police officer are available with testing scheduled for January 26th. There may be an opening in February if Officer Westergren receives a disability pension. Chief Lukasik noticed that the local Crimestoppers was not receiving any Court funds. He spoke with the State's Attorney's Office and the money was going to the McHenry County Crimestoppers so they will now forward it to the Cary Grove Crimestoppers. He received the title for the motorcycle and will be putting it on an on-line auction.

Officer Alex Panvino started Academy on Monday. Officer Cory Coss, who came from Hebron, is working with Officer Domagala. Officers Eric Waitrovich and Colin Gaffney were laid off from Hawthorn Woods and are also doing field training. They should be on their own by the end of the month. Officer Mlekush is on light duty. Officer Slovacek will be retiring on 1-11-08.

The Village will not be receiving the squad car grant but Chief Lukasik received information for IDOT about a grant that would pay for overtime on the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends for an officer to write traffic citations and make alcohol related arrests.

Sgt. Domagala has been working on improving the physical fitness of the officers. Sage Products in Cary has a fitness center and they allow the Cary Police Department to use their facilities for free. He spoke to them and they will also allow our officers to use the facilities for free.

Emergency Mgmt Plan –Officer Slovacek has prepared a memo with 9 items that need to be done and then the Plan can be distributed. Administrator Osten asked to review the memo.

NIMS Compliance – Chief Lukasik has spoken to Jon Huizinga as the Public Works

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employees have not done this training. They have been busy due to the weather and being shorthanded but will get it done.

Employee Spotlight – Had to be moved to next month as the officers were involved on a police call.

Lincoln/Commuter Lot Entrance – Chief Lukasik met with Jon Huizinga and they discussed signage and different ways to route the cars. After a discussion, it was decided that he will meet with Jon again. Trustee Pelletier offered her assistance.

Route 22 Sidewalks – Chief Lukasik reported that he received a lengthy voice mail message from IDOT and they will not allow a crossing where there isn't a sidewalk and a signal. A question was raised as to why there wasn't a sidewalk by Chelsea's/Little Al's. Curt Ulrich will check. There is a sidewalk for Car X/Brunch Café.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Bowman made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Pelletier. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Gerald Menzel, Chairperson

Barbara Majkrzak, Secretary

Date Approved