

**VILLAGE OF FOX RIVER GROVE
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY
MARCH 4, 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 Chief Lukasik, Sgt. Domagala, Village President Laube and Deputy Clerk Majkrzak. Administrator Osten came in after roll call.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2008 MINUTES:

Trustee Menzel made a motion to approve the Public Health & Safety meeting minutes of February 12, 2008. Trustee Bowman seconded. Roll call vote was taken – all were in favor.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS - None

BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Monthly Report – We are waiting for a time for the Brunch Café ribbon cutting ceremony. Discussion was held on the Preferred Development lot going to auction. Curt has spoken with the representatives from Sheldon Good and informed them that the new owner is obligated to complete the stormwater improvements and it is to their advantage to continue with the driveway plans.

ZBA Case 2008-01, 308 & 310 NW Highway – Moretti's – Trustee Menzel read the findings from the zoning hearing on February 27, 2008. The ZBA recommended approval of the variance to reduce the number of off-street parking to zero and approved the special use for outdoor seating with the condition that a lighting plan be submitted to Rolf Campbell and no live entertainment on the roof after 8 p.m. Mark Hoffman explained that Moretti's would be leasing 109 parking spaces from Grayhill and possibly warehouse space. He is getting bids from subcontractors and will be putting in an elevator. *Trustee Menzel made a motion to recommend to the Board the ZBA approval of the variance allowing a reduction to the number of off-street parking spaces to zero and a special use for outdoor seating subject to the condition that a lighting plan be submitted for approval by Rolf Campbell and no live entertainment on the deck after 8 p.m.* Motion was seconded by Trustee Figurski. Roll call vote was taken – all were in favor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

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Chief Lukasik passed out the monthly reports. There were 252 calls in February, 167 traffic citations and 3 DUI. Chief Lukasik and Sgt. Domagala attended a recruitment seminar in Peoria. They picked up lots of ideas and are looking forward to the retention class scheduled for April. Trustee Menzel requested a written summary of information given. Chief Lukasik will be attending the "New Chiefs" orientation in Springfield. The only cost to the Village will be for travel expenses.

Chief Lukasik applied for a grant from IDOT to reimburse for overtime for ticket writing during the Memorial Day and Labor Day holiday weekends. We will be receiving the grant for the Memorial Day weekend only. The Village will keep all fines generated. He is also looking into a grant for tobacco signage targeting underage smokers.

Trustee Figurski asked about red light cameras. Chief Lukasik responded that he is waiting to see how the program works for LITH. He will check with Cary to see how they are handling the administrative hearings, etc. The trustees asked him to put together info for the 08/09 budget. Adm. Osten requested that he bring the info to the Finance meeting.

Trustee Bowman asked about the status of the snowmobile seized. Chief Lukasik has received a letter from the State but is waiting to hear regarding a Cadillac that was seized last week. Currently there is a Pontiac Fiero waiting to be sold.

Staffing - All officers have been trained and are "on the streets". All officers have completed CPR training. Local ticket fines brought in \$2,325. There were a lot of snow violations. Alex Panvino will be graduating from the Academy on April 25, 2008 and is doing well. Chief Lukasik made a conditional offer of employment to Robert Caselli. He has passed his physical and the psychological evaluation is scheduled for Wednesday.

Ordinance: Repeal Chapter 7, Civil Defense – Chief Lukasik explained that Civil Defense started in 1951 and that now with the Village working with McHenry County Emergency Management, this ordinance is no longer necessary. The Committee decided to pass this on to Attorney Rosenthal to be discussed at the Board meeting.

Contract: Collection Agency - Chief Lukasik explained that he instructed Bond Collections to put together one contract for both Police and utility past due accounts and to include an area for miscellaneous accounts. Attorney Rosenthal reviewed the contract and changes were made. *Trustee Menzel made a motion to recommend to the Board to enter into a contract with Bonded Collections as reviewed by Attorney Rosenthal.* Seconded by Trustee Pelletier. Roll call vote was taken - all in favor.

Towing Regulation – Chief Lukasik explained that the towing regulation applies to relocators only not regular towing companies. They have six months to be in compliance with the Illinois Commerce Commission. We have one relocator in town.

Medicine Disposal - Chief Lukasik explained that he would like to start a program where residents could dispose of no longer needed medicines at the Police Department. President

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Laube feels this would be a good service to offer to the community. The law states that disposal sites can be either a hospital or a police department. He has a meeting on Thursday to get more information. A local pharmacist would be needed to evaluate the medicines dropped off.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Fine Review – This issue was tabled till April to allow for more time to review the information

Design Standards – Adm. Osten explained that a new State law gives the Village greater authority to regulate building design. He has spoken with the Village Planner and PEDC with regard to the downtown area. The PEDC recommended that the Village’s current design standards in the Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan be extended to all commercial and multi-family construction and remodeling. The Village could request a cost proposal from the Village Planner to revise the Village Code. Trustee Figurski questioned the need to police aesthetics. VP Laube would like to extend the standards but not if it increases the cost to the Village. Adm. Osten stated that the cost of having plans reviewed by the Village Planner could be passed on to the business owner. Trustee Menzel asked if the Village could see what Cary and Crystal Lake have done. It was decided to get more info.

The ZBA is looking into sign regulations. Trustee Cramer has concerns regarding the heights of signs, pole vs. monument. The sign for Top Shelf Liquor was discussed. Adm. Osten suggested that the trustees speak to the owner about their concerns as he meets all current regulations. Café Salsa is planning on painting over their sign and flipping the words to the inside.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Menzel made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Bowman. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Gerald Menzel, Chairperson

Barbara Majkrzak, Secretary

Date Approved