

**VILLAGE OF FOX RIVER GROVE
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY
DECEMBER 1, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL:

Present at roll call were Trustees Cramer, Figurski, Knar and Menzel. Also present were Village President Nunamaker, Village Administrator Osten, Chief Lukasik and Village Clerk Brouder.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2009 MINUTES:

Trustee Knar made a motion to approve the Public Health & Safety meeting minutes of November 3, 2009. Trustee Figurski seconded. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of four yes votes.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

Resident Diane Phillips, 510 Opatrny, stated there has been an increase of speeding traffic down Opatrny since the road construction on Route 14. There are many children in the area and she is requesting a school zone sign for Opatrny and Orchard Streets to help slow people down. Trustee Cramer stated this is definitely a concern. Chief Lukasik said he has applied for a grant for school signage from the U.S. Department of Justice and has not yet heard anything. He wants to update all the signs. Mrs. Phillips asked if it would be possible to have a crossing guard there. The Village has not been very successful with keeping crossing guards. Chief Lukasik will have police run radar in that area.

Chief Lukasik brought up a parking problem on Doverton Lane. Dave Witchie, of 490 Doverton Lane told Chief Lukasik that people are parking there for days and weeks at a time. He asked if we could limit parking there. It is a very short street. There are townhomes on one side and a couple of homes on the other. People don't want to get blocked in their driveways, so just leave their cars on the street overnight. Limiting parking to four hours, no parking on one side of the street, no overnight parking allowed, and no parking 2 a.m.– 6 a.m. was discussed. It was decided to move this to the January Public Works and Public Health & Safety meetings, so the Village Board will have time to visit the street. Trustees asked Chief Lukasik to have Mr. Witchie attend the January Public Health & Safety meeting.

BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Monthly Report – Administrator Osten reported there are a few code enforcement violations that will be going to adjudication in January if not corrected.

~ 100 Ski Hill Road, Norge Ski Club, improperly added gravel to the parking lot across

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from the jump. They need to have an engineering survey to obtain a permit from the County. If not corrected or permit attained, they will be served an adjudication ticket. ~ 903 Lincoln Avenue, Walter Weinert, needs to clean up his yard now that the fence ordinance has been passed.

~ 104 Millard, Patrick Roane, needs to install siding and have exterior closed in by December 15th.

~ 300 Northwest Highway, Paul Kondraros, added an illegitimate apartment upstairs and has a tenant now. He was told to have the tenant move out, but has not done so.

~ 907 Route 22, Chelsea's Car Wash and Lil' Al's Lube, owner John Derer has not removed his old equipment and he will also be at the hearing.

These cases will be going to the adjudication hearing in January.

Under Zoning, there is a correction in the fourth bullet point ~ structural changes will be at Verizon's expense not the Village. Under PEDC, they are supporting buying local. Ted Wagner, Stone Hill Center, is sending brochures describing available properties, so the PEDC members can hand them out and recruit businesses for open spaces. Trustee Menzel asked what was happening at 307 N. River Road. The memo states fencing in progress, following to get garage completed by 15th of December. Administrator Osten will find out and put answer in Trustee Menzel's mailbox. Administrator Osten stated the apartment inspection program was going well. 16 of 17 have been inspected with only minor discrepancies noted and corrected. The Fire District Life Safety inspections have also been going well. 60% have been inspected and there have been no violations forwarded to Village for action.

Administrator Osten stated Mr. Spurgeon received a thank you from Ted Johnson, 420 Concord Avenue for his help with a drainage issue with his neighbors at 416 Concord Avenue. Trustee Cramer asked about the castle property and if they are still moving forward with their plan to open their grounds to host parties. President Nunamaker stated Mr. Strohl seemed to be moving ahead with the idea. Administrator Osten stated he has to give the Village a proposed parking diagram because neighbors would not want parking on the street.

Besides Norge needing a County permit for stormwater, we have another resident at 413 Woodbine Lane, who added dirt fill and caused the drainage to divert. He contacted the County for a permit and they said he would need permission from the Village and his neighbor. The Village does not want the liability, so has suggested he get an easement from his neighbor.

Reconcile Municipal Code, Building Permit Brochure and Building Code -

Administrator Osten noted that our ordinances, building codes and permits don't always match, so Mr. Spurgeon will review the Ordinances and find the contradictions and prepare the changes.

President Nunamaker asked the Board if anyone had been contacted by residents regarding the TCE postcard we sent out. There were none.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Monthly Report - Chief Lukasik reported there were 409 incidents this month. He doesn't know the number of traffic citations after November 17th, because Sergeant

Domagala has been out on personal business the last couple days. The new squad radios will be installed in the next week or two. On the squad car arson, MCMRMA totaled the car because of water damage. Our Village mechanic, Scott Churchill, and Ultra Strobe said the car could be repaired. MCMRMA will give us \$13,550 for the car and striping, but we would have to pay another \$10,000 to get a replacement. Chief feels we can have the car fixed. He has contacted A1 Auto, Riverside Collision, Hi-Performance Auto and Danrr and is waiting for their proposals. Village President and Chief Lukasik think we should look at security cameras for the exterior of the building. He would also like to have them in the Processing and Booking rooms, too. Trustee Knar stated the School Board installed cameras and he should talk with Dr. Mahaffy. The cost was approximately \$5,000 - \$7,000 for one school. He could send some information to Chief Lukasik. Chief spoke to Bob Psenka, Build-a-Comp and he was coming over to look at the building. President Nunamaker asked if we wanted to have a camera in the Village Board room. Everyone should think about it.

Trustee Figurski commended the Police Department on the Walgreens arrest and the drug arrests.

Vehicle Sticker Report – Chief Lukasik reported we budgeted \$63,000 for this year, but have actually collected \$63,339.

Intergovernmental Agreement: McHenry County Gang Task Force – The changes we suggested have been made to the agreement. Now it is going to the States Attorney's office and then will be returned to us.

NIXLE – Last month there were 85 people signed up and now we have 155. The Northwest Herald will be running an article on it. NIXLE is working on software that will allow the Police Department to know who has signed up. This service is being promoted through the newspaper, on the Village website, through school emails and the Chamber.

OTHER BUSINESS

Metra Station/Shelter Designs – Meeting with Metra representatives on December 16th to see the new station design options. Trustees Cramer and Knar will be there.

Residential Design & Building Permits – Everyone received the memo from Administrator Osten today regarding this. You really can not enforce it, as it is hard to back up in court. We can leave as is, do design review or go by floor area ratios. We had requested Attorney Donahue to prepare an ordinance to stating homes/remodels must follow building codes, but we already have that in our ordinances. There was a lengthy discussion, an explanation of what the floor area ratios (FAR) are, getting committee approval for any changes from the approved building permit, and specific design standards. Trustee Cramer stated all this work was not done in vain. It brought great discussion to every committee, but we will have to shelve this, because we do not have the staff or means to enforce it.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Menzel made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Figurski seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Cindy Cramer, Chairperson

Donna Ml Brouder, Acting Secretary

Date Approved