

**VILLAGE OF FOX RIVER GROVE
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY
SEPTEMBER 7, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL:

Present at roll call were Trustees Figurski, Ireland, Knar and Menzel. Also present was Village Administrator Osten, Chief Lukasik, John Spurgeon and Deputy Clerk Majkrzak. President Nunamaker was in the audience.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 3, 2010 MINUTES:

Trustee Menzel made a motion to approve the Public Health & Safety meeting minutes of August 3, 2010. Trustee Knar seconded. Roll call vote was taken – all in favor.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

Ted Johnson – 420 Concord – here for status on Bettendorf Castle
J. Miyuskovich – 405 Concord – here for status on Bettendorf Castle

BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT

John Spurgeon reviewed the monthly report. He explained that the fees were higher in August 2009 due to the home rebuild on 611 Thackeray, a letter was sent to the owner of Five O'clock Steakhouse to repair/demolish the auxiliary building on the property. Over the weekend the police reported that there was a “party” there. A final ok has been received from the County for 413 Woodbine. Mr. Kondraros has asked for a bench trial on October 14th for the apartment violations. There has been some clean up on the property at 1001 North but there is still more to be done. John replied that he is waiting for the outcome of the Welch’s de-annexation case. Adm. Osten asked him to send a letter thanking them for the work done and reminding them of the work still to be done or they could be fined. Mr. Wienert has requested a bench trial. 626 Ellington received a conservancy violation and so far they have not mowed the conservancy. Violations were issued to Mr. Kondraros and Mr. Gecan for torn canopies. A zoning hearing has been scheduled on September 22nd for MJG Builders – they are requesting a special use. Midwest Gold and Twins Jewelry/Cash for Gold have closed but an application has been received for 306 NW

Highway to open a gold and jewelry direct store.

ZBA Referral, Text Amendment: Fences – the ordinance with the changes was discussed. *Trustee Knar made a motion to send to the Board the text amendment amending front yard fences.* Seconded by Trustee Menzel. Roll call vote was taken - Knar and Menzel– yes; Figurski and Ireland – no.

Bettendorf Castle, Status – John Spurgeon stated that the zoning application was returned to Mr. Strohl because it was incomplete. Mr. Strohl is now asking for a special use as a museum. Adm. Osten reviewed it with John Spurgeon and they needed clarification from Attorney Donahue. The Zoning Ordinances allow a special use for a public museum but this is a private home. Trustee Ireland stated that the Committee decided last month to not spend any money on this issue till the zoning case is ready. Adm. Osten explained that all residents have the right to receive assistance from the Village. This application was not reviewed by our consultants or attorney. Trustee Figurski feels that the Village has an obligation to work with the residents and staff knows not to spend money unnecessarily. Trustee Menzel agreed. Trustee Knar asked what were the steps in the process once the application is received – set up escrow, send to consultants for review, set up a zoning hearing. Mr. Johnson asked for clarification on the museum classification and if all the residents have to agree to the changing of the zoning classification. No. The residents will be notified of the zoning hearing and allowed to speak. Then it goes to PH&S and then the Board. Adm. Osten explained the types of special uses and variances. Trustee Menzel stated that the ZBA members are very conscientious and fair. Mr. Strohl has hired an attorney to help him with this application.

Downtown Murals – Rich Lauritsen from the PEDC is talking to an art school in Chicago about having some of their students paint murals in the downtown area. Zia Mir said is interested and El Sombrero is talking to their partner. Trustee Menzel is concerned about maintaining them. The building owners would have to pay all costs incurred.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Lukasik passed out the monthly report. There is a boy scout interested in constructing buildings for a Safety Town as his Eagle project. Office Waitrovich has contacted the Cedarburg, Wisconsin Police Department as they have one. More mailboxes were damaged this weekend in Victoria Woods and Hunter's Farm. The Jaycees have paid for the River Jam overtime – approximately \$220. Trustee

Ireland asked about the overtime for the fireworks and questioned why it was so high. Chief Lukasik explained that a member of the Police Department has to be on site once the fireworks are delivered. There are 2 officers on medical and Sgt. Domagala worked 10 hours. Chief Lukasik has the complete breakdown of hours. This needs to be discussed at Finance not PH&S. A.P. Electric has had a theft of generators. Trustee Knar asked why the August citations were higher – it was a longer time period. There were 10 vehicles towed in August. Chief Lukasik explained the process and he will be watching to see how it goes. Chief Lukasik will be sending thank you letters to those businesses who helped with the new decals for the squad cars. Cost has gone down to \$325/car because Riverside Collision will apply the decals for free. Trustee Figurski asked for clarification with regards to the ILEAS grant. What is “ruggedized” – means heavy duty computer. **NIMS Training, Status** – Chief Lukasik checked and the trustees don’t have to take the 200 course. There are some trustees who still need to take 100 and 700. Until everyone takes these, the Village is not compliant and if there is a disaster we would not receive any special funding. He will notify those who need to take the training.

Disaster Exercises – This is scheduled for October 8th at the fire station. Chief Lukasik, Adm. Osten, Fire Chief Kreher and Superintendent of Public Works Huizinga will be in attendance. President Nunamaker suggested inviting the superintendent of School District 3. Chief Lukasik will contact him.

Surplus Property – Crown Victoria – Village staff has prepared an ordinance authorizing sale of a 2001 Crown Victoria. *Trustee Figurski made a motion to recommend to the Board to approve the ordinance to sell surplus property – 2001 Crown Victoria.* Seconded by Trustee Ireland. Roll call vote was taken – all in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Emergency/Event Access: Ski Hill to Gardner –At the September Public Works meeting, this was discussed and they decided not to pursue it further because we would need to contact the DNR because it would go through a wetland and the cost would be \$20-30,000. This is not a high priority item.

Violations: Chapter 13-96, Chapter 17 ½-51: \$25 fine - Currently residents who park their cars on the grass receive a letter instead of a fine because it is not specifically listed in Chapter 13 as a parking violation with a \$25 fine. The

ordinances require that cars be parked on a “hard surface.” Trustee Ireland asked for clarification. For a resident to have a “hard surface,” he would have to add gravel or asphalt and it would require a building permit. Some cars are being parked on the grass in the right-of-way. Discussion was held on whether the Village is going to allow the graveled areas that are currently around town. President Nunamaker said this sounds like another design standard issue – there are many homes where they park on gravel and this would make them park in the street. He drove around town and there are some areas where there is no where else to park. Trustee Ireland agrees. Adm. Osten asked what they want the Village staff to do. Trustee Ireland asked for a list of cars parked on the grass. Trustee Figurski would like to see the current ordinance and put this on the agenda for October. The number of cars parked at a house is an indicator as to how many reside there. John Spurgeon explained the ratio for living space and number of occupants.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Menzel made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Figurski. Roll call vote was taken -all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Duane Figurski, Chairperson

Barbara Majkrzak, Secretary

Date Approved