

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2007

Call to Order

President Fischer called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: President Fischer, Trustee Joosten, Trustee Ransbottom, Trustee Van Ooyen, Trustee Vanden Heuvel, Trustee Verstegen

EXCUSED: Trustee Elrick

ALSO PRESENT: C. Kell, D. Peterson, J. Moes, D. Haug, R. Van Gheem, V. Schneider

Public Appearance for Items not on the Agenda

None

809 Madison Street – Discussion and Action on Lateral Issue

R. Van Gheem reported that the private sanitary lateral had been repaired and that a definite cause of failure could not be determined but it did not appear that the Village contributed to the failure.

R. Van Gheem reported that the Village paid for the permit and the contractor has indicated that the excavation and repair will be donated so the recommendation is to invoice the property owner for the concrete at the amount of \$2,048.20.

Moved by Trustee Verstegen, seconded by Trustee Van Ooyen to invoice the property owner at 809 Madison Street for \$2,048.20 for lateral repair.

Further Discussion: Trustee Ransbottom suggested including a condition in the motion that if the bill from the contractor does move forward, that the additional amount of \$1,599.10 will be billed to the property owner.

Moved by Trustee Verstegen, seconded by Trustee Van Ooyen to amend the motion to include in that if the excavation repair is not paid for as a donation by the contractor that the Village will also invoice the amount of \$1,599.10 to the property owner.

Vote on the Amendment to the Motion:

Ayes – 5, Nay 1 (Joosten) Motion Carried

Additional Discussion: Trustee Joosten stated he didn't support billing the property owner as he believes the Village has culpability in this area as when Hwy. N was reconstructed the utilities were not changed at that time.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes – 5, Nay 1 (Joosten) – Motion Carried

Review Ordinance 13-1-204 Swimming Pools

The Board reviewed the current ordinance and J. Moes stated that the Village's ordinance is written the same as many other municipalities in the Fox Valley. Trustee Ransbottom suggested that staff clarify the article that is included in the Village newsletter on swimming pool regulations so it provides further information to residents on how the restrictions relate to temporary pools. J. Moes stated his department will rewrite the article. No action was taken to amend the ordinance on swimming pools.

Discussion on School Crossing Safety Concerns

Trustee Ransbottom stated his concern is the immediate need to facilitate safe crossing at the intersection of Florida Ave. and Hwy. N. Trustee Ransbottom recommended that the road markings be placed farther to the north. Discussion took place on the issue of the current school zone and making a request to the County to extend the school zone and staff commented that Village can make requests of the County but the County must adhere to the Uniform Traffic Control Code which may not allow for expansion of the school zone. Chief Peterson recalled that the issue initially started with a citizen's request for a summer crossing guard and stated the current crossing guard program is an excellent program.

Chief Peterson recommended adding another crossing guard to the program for the Florida Avenue and Hwy. N intersection instead of spending money for roundabouts. Trustee Ransbottom pointed out the request he had made a few years ago for the Village to address safety concerns at the intersection.

Discussion continued.

Chief Peterson stated the County had at least once been sent a resolution from the Village requesting that they reduce the speed on Hwy. N/Freedom Road. to 25 m.p.h. and also that stop lights be installed at Florida Ave and Hwy. N and neither request was approved by the County Board. Trustees expressed support for finding a solution for the immediate need for a safe crossing.

Moved by Trustee Verstegen, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to put the placement of a crossing guard at the intersection of Hwy. N and Freedom Road on the agenda of the Regular Board meeting of August 15, 2007 for discussion and possible action and to give formal consideration to approaching Outagamie County to request and suggest measures to be taken to make Hwy. N a safer place.

Further Discussion: Chief Peterson stated he will refer to a past resolution that was sent to the County Board that was of a similar request. J. Moes suggested working with the County Board Supervisors who represents the Village on the issue and C. Kell suggested holding a personal meeting with the County Departments regarding the Village's request for implementing safety measures on Hwy. N/Freedom Rd.
Vote on the Motion: All Ayes – Motion Carried Unanimously

Discussion on Proposal to Create a New Tax Incremental District

J. Moes provided the Board with a partial draft of the Project Plan for a proposed Tax Incremental District Number Four. Staff stated the establishment of the district would permit the Village to make a maximum of approximately \$2.25 million in pay-as-you-go investment incentives to encourage and promote large scale high quality developments. Establishment of the district would permit the Village to make a maximum of approximately \$5.5 million in infrastructure expenditures to promote development within the district. J. Moes stated the district is zoned two-thirds commercial and one-third residential. Trustee Joosten stated he is not opposed to growth as long as those who grow pay for it as he sees it as the cost of doing business and voiced his opposition to development of another TID. Staff stated the Village needs to have this proactive tool to be competitive with the surrounding communities who have these tools in place to encourage high quality development in their communities. J. Moes stated it is staff's job to plan for the future growth and improvement of the community and pointed out that the Comprehensive Plan shows the Village is light on commercial and heavy on residential properties. Discussion took place. J. Moes stated the Plan Commission will be reviewing and making a recommendation on the proposed TID plan on Monday. The majority of the Board agreed to have the proposed TID #4 Plan included on next week's Board meeting agenda.

Set Public Hearing Date – Amending Village Code Section 9-2 Public Utilities/Policy Statement – Private Lateral Connections – Inflow and Infiltration Reduction

Moved by Trustee Verstegen, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to set a Public Hearing for Amending Village Code Section 9-2 Public Utilities/Policy Statement – Private Lateral Connections – Inflow and Infiltration Reduction for August 22, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

All Ayes – Motion Carried Unanimously

Action on Temporary Class B Beer License – Little Chute Baseball Club

Moved by Trustee Verstegen, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to approve the Temporary Class B Liquor License for the Little Chute Baseball Club.

All Ayes – Motion Carried Unanimously

Unfinished Business

C. Kell reported that late today he was informed by the Park and Recreation Director that the contractor constructing the ball diamond at Legion Park has run in to very bad soil conditions and they will not dig down any further or remove any additional soil and they are recommending hauling in six inches of top soil and the cost for the soil is approximately \$9,000. At this time, the project is on hold and C. Kell stated he has not had the opportunity to talk with the Contractor or the School District about the situation. Trustee Verstegen suggested that staff and the parties involved work on the issue and report back on the issues at next week's meeting. Board members agreed with Trustee Verstegen's suggestion.

Items for Future Agendas

C. Kell stated the Fire Department is having a 100th birthday celebration and the Village may want to consider providing support and recognition to the Department. Board members agreed the Administrator should work on a proposal for support of the Fire Department's 100th anniversary and bring a recommendation back to the Board at a future meeting.

Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Verstegen, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:05 p.m.

All Ayes – Motion Carried Unanimously

VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

By: Charles Fischer, Village President

Attest: Vicki Schneider, Village Clerk