

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF MAY 28, 2008

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

PRESENT: Trustee Elrick, President Fischer, Trustee Leicht, Trustee Ransbottom, Trustee Smith, Trustee Van Ooyen, Trustee Verstegen

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

Public Appearance for Items not on the Agenda

None

Discussion/Possible Action to Set Public Hearing – Amending Village of Little Chute Code of Ordinances – Section 13-1-284 Variances (a) Purpose; Plan Commission Review

J. Moes explained that the proposed change is to clarify the language of the ordinance so it states the Plan Commission shall adhere to the same standards in granting or denying a variance as the Board of Appeals. The Plan Commission has reviewed the amended ordinance and they are recommending that the Board set a public hearing.

Moved by Trustee Verstegen, seconded by Trustee Smith to set a Public Hearing for June 18, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. for Amending the Code of Ordinances Section 13-1-284 Variances (a) Purpose; Plan Commission Review.

Ayes 7, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

Discussion/Possible Action to Set Public Hearing – Amending Village of Little Chute Code of Ordinances – Section 13-1-44 RC – Conventional Single-Family District (f) Permitted Accessory Signs

J. Moes stated the Plan Commission has been reviewing the ordinance over the last few months when it was discovered that the School District's scoreboards contained private advertising and they were in violation of the Village's current code. J. Moes stated that the Plan Commission has reviewed the proposed changes that increase the size allowance for permitted signs but the recommend size will still not bring the school's scoreboard into compliance with the size limits. Trustee Elrick stated that some Plan Commission members are completely against private advertising on the scoreboards but most members did not have issues with the top banner of identification signage on the scoreboards. President Fischer stated the issue is that the scoreboards violate ordinance and either the ordinance needs to be changed or the signs need to come into compliance with the ordinance. Mary Janssen, School Board President and Dave Botz, School District Superintendent, commented on the changing dynamics of today's school and government budgets and the need for the dollars generated from advertising signage for the schools and the Village and its taxpayers. Don De Groot commented that he was Village President when the current ordinance was adopted in 1986 and now the ordinance needs to be updated to address today's issues and he doesn't see an issue with allowing advertising signage on the sport fields as it generates revenue for the schools and municipalities. Trustee Verstegen suggested adding additional language to the proposed ordinance to specify signage is not allowed on fences. Discussion continued and Board members agreed to move forward with setting a public hearing.

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to set a Public Hearing for June 25, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. on Amending the Village Code Section 13-1-44 RC –Conventional Single Family District (f) Permitted Accessory Signs.

Ayes 7, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

Review/Discussion on Suggestion for a Raised Pedestrian Crosswalk on Depot Street

Board members discussed the request by Lt. Parks to consider designating a crosswalk at Depot Street and Hans Parkway. The original suggestion was to have a crosswalk painted on the road and the Director of Public Works stated he could not support a painted crossing at this location because of safety issues and also because the students and pedestrians can cross at the controlled intersections but if the Board would like to direct staff to place a safer raised crosswalk at this location, now would be an appropriate time because the street is being reconstructed. Board members agreed that the Village is currently providing a safe route to school with controlled intersections and no action was taken to add a crosswalk on Depot Street and Hans Parkway.

Review/Discussion/Possible Action on High Speed Pursuit Policy for the Village

Trustee Van Ooyen stated he had reviewed the Metro's policy as well as the County-wide Agreement and commented that the Metro has a wonderful policy. Chief Peterson explained the situation with the high speed chase involving a Freedom Police Officer. Discussion took place and Board members agreed that the situation was handled appropriately. No action taken.

Review/Discussion Possible Action – Oath of Office of Commission/Committee members

Trustee Ransbottom requested the agenda item because he became aware at the League Conference that Committee/Commission members are required to take an oath of office and the Clerk has provided copies of the Statute language on the issue. Board members agreed to have Committee/Commission members complete a written oath that will be kept on file in the Clerk's office.

Unfinished Business

None

Items for Future Agendas

None

Moved by Trustee Van Ooyen, seconded by Trustee Elrick to Enter into Closed Session.

Ayes 7, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

Closed Session: Real Estate (e) Deliberations or negotiations on the purchase of public properties, investing of public funds or conducting other specific public business when competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. 19.85(1) (e), Wis. Stats. Artz Property at 141 E. Main Street and Steve Winter Development Agreement

Moved by Trustee Van Ooyen, seconded by Trustee Verstegen to exit the Closed Session.

Ayes 7, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:14 p.m.

All Ayes-Motion Carried Unanimously

VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

Attest: Vicki Schneider, Village Clerk

By: Charles Fischer, Village President