

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF JULY 22, 2009

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 Elrick, Trustee Leicht, Trustee Ransbottom, Trustee Van Deurzen, Trustee Verstegen

EXCUSED: Trustee Smith

ALSO PRESENT: C. Kell, J. Moes, R. Van Gheem, T. Flick, V. Schneider,

Public Appearance for Items not on the Agenda

Michael Stouffer, 714 Bluff Avenue, asked the Board to provide him with clarification of Village Code section 8-20 regarding the 28 day limitation on temporary roofing materials in place. Mr. Stouffer commented on comments made by Trustee Smith regarding the 28 day timeline. Board members indicated they needed more information on the issue and it should be discussed when Trustee Smith was present and suggested that it may be an item for discussion for a future agenda.

Presentation/Discussion of First Impressions Program with City of Onalaska Representatives

C. Kell welcomed audience members and introduced Jim Resick, Community Development Educator, Outagamie County UW Extension and Karl Green, Community Development Specialist, Center for Community Economic Development, UW Extension La Crosse County. Mr. Resick stated the purpose of the First Impressions Program is to help a community learn about existing strengths and weaknesses as seen through the eyes of a first time visitor. Mr. Resick stated he and the ALC Director had presented their findings from the Little Chute team's visit to Onalaska to their City Council. The Onalaska team visited Little Chute on May 31 and June 1. Mr. Green provided an overview of the report and answered questions from the Board and audience. The impressions of Little Chute were that it is a quaint, smaller sized community nestled in between Appleton and Kaukauna and it has a fair number of good businesses in its Industrial Park and other places that seem to provide decent jobs for local and regional residents. The windmill project will create an amenity that draws visitors due to its uniqueness but existing attractions like Simon's Specialty Cheese and the river could be more heavily utilized to draw visitors and shoppers to the Village. Overall, the Village is clean and well maintained and the residents seem proud of their community. The complete report is available on the Village's website.

Discussion/Possible Action on Request from Cinder Care of LC, Inc. for Financial Assistance with Site/Building Plan Preparation

C. Kell stated he would like the Board to consider tabling this item due to discussions he has had with Cinder Care's Attorney about possible negotiations and to take the issue up in closed session at the next meeting.

Moved by Trustee Ransbottom, seconded by Trustee Leicht to table action on the agenda item until the next Regular Board meeting on August 5th and to hold a closed session on the legal/real estate issue.

Ayes 6, Nay 0 – Motion Carried

Unfinished Business

None

Items for Future Agenda

Trustee Elrick asked the Board if they wanted to consider a review of the language in section 8-20 of the Village Code to clarify the issue for Mr. Stouffer. Board members agreed to review and clarify the language of section 8-20 regarding temporary roofing material at the first Committee of the Whole meeting in August.

Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Ayes-6, Nay-0, Motion Carried

VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

By: Charles Fischer, Village President

Attest: Vicki Schneider, Village Clerk