

**SPECIAL VOTING COMMITTEE MEETING
THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
August 23, 2007 7:30 pm**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Thomas P. Hyde called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

ROLL CALL Roll call indicated the following present: Trustees Garling, Herrmann, Ponio, Sadoski, Saville and Verciglio.

Also in attendance was: Karen Luebbers, Recreation Department.

1. Call to order

Mayor Hyde added, per the Board's approval, to open the meeting to the floor at the end of the meeting. All in favor.

2. Discussion of 9-1-10-7

Trustee Ponio stated that he has been reviewing various ordinances. He questioned who issues permits, who reviews the plans, etc., before permits are issued. He questioned the variances on zoning matters that are granted. Trustee Herrmann said that variances come before the Board and that it's not for the Building Inspector to decide. Mayor Hyde stated that there are many permits and that each one has to be looked at individually. Trustee Ponio questioned, for a variance, what has to be submitted. Trustee Herrmann replied that yes, a variance, is to do something to a piece of property that it is not zoned for so, there would be a variance of a zoning issue and it has to come before the Board. The Board reviewed that there is a public hearing with the Zoning Board and then it's brought before the Board. Trustee Ponio questioned how the Village does its due diligence with regard to studying traffic, if one is impacting a neighbor by a variance change, etc. He stated that since he can not speak with Frank DeSort, that he needs to come here to meetings and ask these questions. Trustee Herrmann stated that Mr. DeSort is out of the office and she will ask him when he returns. Trustee Ponio asked who will be filling in while Mr. DeSort is out of the office and Trustee Herrmann replied, Dan O'Neal. Trustee Ponio questioned who Mr. DeSort puts into place while he is out of office and Trustee Herrmann replied that she trusts Mr. DeSorts decision on who to have in place while he is out. She does not micromanage his work as well as if any issues come up, they can be handled on an as need basis. Trustee Ponio said that there is an issue with new shingles, etc., at a home located on Highland and whether it was looked at or not. Mayor Hyde requested Trustee Ponios questions in writing so they can see exactly what he is asking and address those. Trustee Ponio stated that Mayor Hyde, at a previous meeting, place him on the Building and Zoning Committee. Mayor Hyde replied that this Board, as a group, decided that Trustee Herrmann would act as an intermediary between Trustee Ponio and Frank DeSort because they are not getting along. Mayor Hyde said that he had asked the Board how this situation should be handled. Trustee Garling stated that he thought Trustee Ponio and Mr. DeSort were going to sit down and talk. Trustee Ponio replied that he thought that Trustee Herrmann was setting this up. Trustee Herrmann questioned why she needed to coordinate a meeting when the two of them could and should handle it themselves. Trustee Ponio said that he asks questions and he doesn't get any answers back so he wants to know who to ask. Mayor Hyde said that Trustee Ponio should put all his questions in writing as well as he said that Trustee Ponio was going to contact Mr. DeSort and arrange a meeting between the two of them. He said that Trustee Ponio made it sound like he was going to adjust his schedule as well to make sure that it worked and that they would meet. Trustee Ponio said that he was told that there is pending litigation by Frank DeSort and that he is not allowed to speak to him. Until that matter gets cleared up, Trustee Ponio will not speak with Frank as well as he has been told to go through Trustee Herrmann in order to work with Mr. DeSort. Mayor Hyde replied, at the last meeting, it was clearly decided by all the Board Members and agreed to by Trustee Ponio also, that he would move forward and have an open discussion with Mr. DeSort and try to begin having the two of them work together. Trustee Ponio replied that there is pending litigation and stated that he would like to see the documentation. Mayor Hyde said that the Village Attorney at the last meeting said it was imminent. Trustee Saville stated that this conversation is getting very embarrassing and suggested that possibly the Trustees change committees. Mayor Hyde replied that he sees no reason to change. He said that he spoke to all of the Trustees and no one was willing to change. He asked Trustee Saville if he would be willing to change and Trustee Saville replied that if he has to, yes he would, to make this situation better. Trustee Saville said that this arguing is not good for anyone and that they are not getting anywhere. Mayor Hyde said is sounded like, at the last meeting, that there was going to be positive progression. Mayor Hyde stated that the Attorney had said that there is no pending imminent litigation that he is aware of.

Trustee Ponio stated that he would like to sit down with Mr. DeSort and go through every single permit that has been issued in at least the last year. He wants to see all the documentation and any information on special use variations. Trustee Ponio wants to know who is responsible if the ordinances were not followed correctly. He wants to know who is responsible if permits were issued without proper documentation. Mayor Hyde questioned Trustee Ponio as to why he would go through every single permit issued in the past year and stated that he isn't sure that that's real productive nor good use of time.

3. Discussion of AT & T

Mayor Hyde stated that he presented to the Board the Project Lightspeed information and their desire to move forward. He said that there were pending issues with regard to permits. Trustee Saville said that the reason that he had put this on the agenda was because the issue with the permit had to do with some of the verbiage. A counter offer came back from AT & T and the contract was previously tabled until all the language was worked out by Attorney Puma and AT & T. Mayor Hyde said that he received a call back from Brad Jensen who oversees the AT & T improvements. He also received contact as a result of his boss, Mark Blakeman, who has the approval authority to make this work or not work. Mayor Hyde said that AT & T is backing away from Island Lake and they want to move on to other Villages which would mean a time frame of 4 to 5 years for Island Lake until they would return. He said that Island Lake would not have then the modernization of the phone system. Mayor Hyde said that he has personally had some personal problems as the system is not modernized and he can not get internet connections as he is too far away from the terminal. He said that it's to Island Lake's advantage as a community to find some way to put this together and work it out quickly or they are moving on. Trustee Saville replied that Mr. Jensen does not like some of the verbiage in there. Mayor Hyde stated that some of the demands in there are fairly long stringent qualifications on plantings. They hand out a certain qualified as it relates to planting and the Village is asking for items that are beyond what their coverages are. Mayor Hyde said that AT & T is not willing to grab on to realms beyond their controls. He said if AT & T will only guarantee plantings for a year, and the Village doesn't agree, they will walk away. Mayor Hyde stated that he applauds Trustee Saville for working on this to try to get an answer because they called Mayor Hyde to disconnect the program and he begged them not to. He forwarded on to Attorney Puma to get in contact with Mr. Blakeman once again. Mayor Hyde said that AT & T wants to back out and that they are done and would like to move on and work with other Villages. He added that this is real simple. Trustee Saville said that this is not simple and that the lawyer came up with what they should be asking for, a proper agreement, and Mr. Jensen doesn't like the language in the contract. Mayor Hyde stated that either the Village works with them and make it work or the Village stays with what they have and AT & T will walk away. Trustee Saville replied that July 26th was the last time a response was received. The Village got back with them; however, they did not get back with the Village. Mayor Hyde said that Trustee Saville needs to look at where there qualifiers are and what they are looking for. Trustee Saville said that they have not come back with anything and that that's their job to do so. Mayor Hyde said that they have come back and wasn't sure if Trustee Saville had it or not. He said that what the arrangements were was the Villages Attorney was supposed to contact them. He said there is nothing in writing. Mayor Hyde asked Trustee Saville to take this and move forward with it and Trustee Saville replied that he has been trying to and they are not getting back with him. Trustee Saville asked for a copy of the email that the Mayor had sent. Trustee Saville reiterated that the Village Attorney is supposed to have been working on this matter with regard to the language and that is why he initially had tabled this because, there is no information that has come back from the Attorney.

4. Discussion of Acres Lawn Care

Trustee Saville stated this was mentioned at a previous meeting, to have lawn care for the Village, as all the grass cutting is burdening Public Works. Public Works contacted Acres for a bid for lawn care. He asked for this to be tabled until everyone had an opportunity to review the bid and information. Mayor Hyde stated that he's watched the lawn being taken care of and landscaping of the Village properties for about 12 to 14 years. For most of the years, Mayor Hyde said that they would hire 2 high school or college students and was worked out with the Union. He said that there were many years of no problems as they did a good job. Mayor Hyde said all of the sudden the Village is not hiring summer help. He asked what is happening. Trustee Saville replied that Mayor Hyde brought this up and that he should explain why this is happening. Mayor Hyde said students are obviously not being hired as well as he said that himself and Trustee Verciglio were handed the names of particular college students that would like to work. He questioned what Trustee Saville knew about the lawn cutting. Trustee Saville said that he is aware that part time people have been hired by the Village in the past. Mayor Hyde asked again why the

Village is not hiring college students as it works very well. Trustee Saville replied that it does not work very well and needs to be discussed in Executive Session as it deals with personnel. Trustee Garling said he's spoken to past Trustees and they recall part time help being hired. He stated that he knows that Public Works is tied up and has other responsibilities but suggested hiring some kids in the meantime to cut the lawns. Trustee Ponio questioned who does the interviewing and hiring of part time help and Mayor Hyde said that normally Willie Kootstra handles it. Trustee Saville asked why the names were not turned over to him and Mayor Hyde replied that they came in, filled out applications and met with Mr. Kootstra. Trustee Garling stated that everyone should be made aware of the process and instead get started on it instead of worrying now about who did what. Trustee Saville replied again that he is not very comfortable talking about personnel and the hiring of individuals out in the open and that it should be done in executive session. Trustee Sadoski stated that she would like to see everyone get a break down of what would be the best use of money and most cost effective for the Village. Mayor Hyde replied that the Village had a program that worked before. Trustee Saville stated that he's being told this evening that everything was running perfectly for the past 10 years but not everything was done exactly how it should have been done.

5. Approval to pay \$146,834.55 to Maneval Construction for partial payment number 1 for the CDBG 2006

Motion by Trustee Saville, properly seconded to pay \$146,834.55 to Maneval Construction for partial payment number 1 for the CDBG 2006.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: Trustees Garling, Herrmann, Ponio, Sadoski, Saville and Verciglio
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion was declared carried.

6. Approval to pay \$126,538.53 to Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc., for the 2007 MFT maintenance project

Motion by Trustee Saville, properly seconded to pay \$126,538.53 to Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc., for the 2007 MFT maintenance project

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: Trustees Garling, Herrmann, Ponio, Sadoski, Saville and Verciglio
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion was declared carried.

Motion by Trustee Garling, properly seconded to open the meeting to the floor. Upon voice vote, motion was unanimously declared carried.

Neal DeYoung, McHenry, Illinois:

Mr. DeYoung stated that he has been an employee with the Village for 29 years and he applauds those that have a backbone in each Village. He said though that there are some jawbones along the way. He added that one of the jawbones, the only one they hear from, is trying to re-invent and it's a step backwards. Mr. DeYoung said he heard discussion about personnel earlier this evening and that's his point.

Laurie Rappattini, 4702 S. Hampton: Ms. Rappattini stated that she has heard several times now Trustee Ponio express his frustrations with Mr. DeSort. She said that this is not productive and asked if anyone on the Board would accept this behavior at their places of work. Ms. Rappattini stated that the roads in Southport are flooding and she was under the impression that this was previously discussed and would be worked on. Trustee Saville replied that Public Works is pumping that area out. He said that the restrictor plate is currently under water and the water has to be pumped out in order for them to get to the restrictor plate. Trustee Saville stated that they are working on it and will continue to do so. Ms. Rappattini tried to open discussion pertaining to personnel and Mayor Hyde stated that the Board will not and can not address these items out in open forum as they pertain to personnel.

Greg Kachka: Mr. Kachka said that he came over to Village Hall once again on Monday in an attempt to reach Mr. DeSort. He left his number and a return call has not been received. He stated that the only person speaking with him is Trustee Ponio. Mayor Hyde asked Mr. Kachka to give Trustee Herrmann his number and she will attempt to get someone to get a hold of him. Trustee Ponio said that certain people get certain favors and others get no response and that's why there is so much bickering going on.

Motion by Trustee Garling, properly seconded to bring the meeting back to the Board. Upon voice vote, the motion was unanimously carried.

Items from the Clerk, Trustees and Department Heads

Trustee Saville mentioned mosquitoes and the possibility of spraying the Village to minimize the problem. He would like to propose spraying the Village four times, once a week, for approximately \$8000. This will kill the adult mosquitoes but does not take care of the larvae. Next year, Trustee Saville would like to see a long term plan for dealing with mosquitoes within the budget. Trustee Garling questioned how this affects other animals, etc., and Trustee Saville replied that it is very minimal. Mayor Hyde suggested doing this sooner than later. He added that he is receiving a lot of emails with complaints of mosquitoes. Trustee Herrmann stated that John Little found an area where there were surplus funds that could pay for this spraying. Mayor Hyde stated that they could take a consensus this evening and then formally vote on this at a later time. Trustee Saville-yes, Verciglio-yes, Herrmann-yes, Garling-yes, Sadoski-yes and Ponio-yes. Trustee Herrmann stated that they will be alerting residents using the CTY system, post a press release on the website as well as the press release will go out to the newspapers. Trustee Garling questioned what is going to be done though with the larvae. Trustee Herrmann said that the mosquitoes are not growing in the lakes and ponds as they are moving and is found more in standing water, water that's collecting in buckets, etc., and possibly the Village should warn residents about this as well. Trustee Ponio and Trustee Garling would like to know where the funds are coming from.

Trustee Saville asked for executive session this evening for personnel.

Trustee Verciglio stated that the soccer season is coming up and they are taking the proper steps for insurance, etc. He officially announced that Island Lake has received the Governors Hometown Award for Veterans Park which will be formally announced in November. There will be a presentation in Veterans Park in November. Mayor Hyde thanked Trustee Verciglio for his good work on this project.

Trustee Herrmann would like the Trustees to please discuss with their Department Heads the budget for this year thus far and she would like to have further discussion on this at a later time. Trustee Herrmann reported that Frank DeSort began scheduling classes and exams for further certifications per the Boards requests.

Trustee Garling mentioned the IML Conference coming up in October.

Trustee Sadoski mentioned the Police Committee meeting for Tuesday, August 28th at 6:30 pm. She also reported that she spoke with Willie Kootstra re: the emergency access gate by Prairie Woods subdivision. She would like to see the Board discuss this and come up with a resolution.

Trustee Ponio reported that he received a call from a resident on Woodland Circle. Residents are not cleaning up after their dogs and lawns are not being mowed. He questioned who the resident should speak with since there is no code enforcement officer at this time. Trustee Sadoski stated that the Police Department will be working on hiring an officer. Trustee Ponio also pointed out the new bill that

passed allowing for 5 Board Members on a committee so that 2 can speak with one another. Attorney Puma had originally recommended 7 person Boards/Committees; however, that was prior to the new bill passing. Trustee Ponio also inquired about the progress on Village Hall security. Willie Kootstra is meeting with several companies to see their recommendations/suggestions as well as prices. Trustee Ponio would like to see the file room be video monitored. He stated that if the Beach House has video surveillance, then Village Hall should too. Trustee Ponio stated that security is an issue across the U.S. He thinks security is definitely needed for the file room and that the building overall needs to be secure. Trustee Herrmann reported though that not all the records are in one area so security is an issue and priority throughout Village Hall. Trustee Saville mentioned the possibility of a Security Committee for the Village.

Trustee Ponio mentioned that he had heard that the EPA was out at Public Works this weeks. Trustee Saville reported that they were checking on what happens of the disposal of sweepings that come from the street sweeper. A separate dumpster has been added just to contain the debris collected from street sweeping. The situation has been handled quickly and appropriately.

Trustee Ponio stated that there's a blog on the Northwest Herald and he is seeing a lot coming from Concerned Citizens 1. He does not know who they are. He added that he wished the Northwest Herald would watch what's out there more closely with regard to the comment areas.

Trustee Ponio stated that he drove by the Mayor's house this past week and saw a lot of work being done in front of his home on the curbs, road, etc., by the Village. Mayor Hyde reported that his neighbor has had flooding issues for the past 4 years in that area. He said that he did not ask for this work or project to be done. He stated that it is really for the neighbor that is above him. Mayor Hyde said that he is not aware of the total project and all that it entails. He recommended that Trustee Ponio speak with Public Works.

Items from the Mayor

- Mayor Hyde reported that the old bus needs to be sold. Trustee Verciglio will be working on this as well as an ordinance.
- Mayor Hyde passed out a sample of a 55 year Village sticker in celebration of 55 years and asked the Board to think about if they would like to do anything special for the Village's 55th year anniversary.
- Mayor Hyde reported that the Village received a thank you from the Cicero family. Marcus Cicero was very touch by the celebration in his honor.
- Mayor Hyde said that the Lions Club held CornFest at Water Tower Park last weekend. They accumulated a 51 cent water charge and about \$41 in other charges. He asked the Board if they would like to waive these fees and all appeared to be in agreement.

Trustee Garling requested Executive Session this evening for the sale of property.

Motion by Trustee Garling, properly seconded to go into Executive Session for personnel and the sale of property. All in favor.

Motion by Trustee Herrmann, properly seconded to come out of Executive Session and return to the special voting committee meeting. Motion by Trustee Herrmann, properly seconded to adjourn the special voting committee meeting. Being that no further business was discussed, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm. All in favor.