

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE, LAKE AND MCHENRY COUNTIES, HELD ON AUGUST 6, 2009

Meeting was called to Order by Mayor Herrmann at 7:31 PM

Board members present were: Trustee O'Malley, Ponio, Saville, Mascillino, Verciglio
Absent: Trustee Rabininni

Also present were Neal DeYoung and Willie Koostra

Is there a motion to open the meeting up to the floor?

Motion to open the meeting up to the floor by Trustee Verciglio, properly 2nd by Trustee Mascillino

All in favor

Public Comment: The public is invited to make an issue oriented comment on any matter of public concern not otherwise on the agenda. The public comment may be no longer than 5 minutes in duration. Interrogation of the village staff, Mayor or Trustees will not be allowed during this time, no will any comment from the trustees. Personal criticism against village staff or elected officials is not permitted.

Shannon Fox South Hampton Drive- Concern with how public will be able to discuss what has been discussed during the meeting by board. If necessary the meeting can be opened up to the public again at the end of the meeting.

Should we be concerned about the contamination of our water supplies due to the Island Lake Cleaners.

Response from Neal DeYoung. We test our POC above and beyond the EPA requirements.

There were no more public comments.

Mayor Herrmann requested a motion to bring the meeting back to the board.

Motion to bring the meeting back to the board by Trustee Verciglio, properly 2nd by Trustee O'Malley

All were in favor

Committee Reports & Discussion

1. Finance and Administration - Trustee Mascillino

First item EPay. This is a service which is provided to the Village by the state of Illinois so that the residence might be able to pay fees by echeck or credit card. Trustee Verciglio was working very hard with the representative of epay to get it all set up. Everything has been finalized and sent to Springfield scheduled for tomorrow or Monday for approval. Village personnel that will be using the site for epay will have to be trained.

John told Connie that Nicor had a notice that the 50 year agreement with Nicor was up in January. They are looking for a 35 year agreement. We can be given cash regarding this agreement.

There was a partial audit done that we passed. They will be back in September to do another complete audit.

Garbage contract – This is up in 2010. We are taking another look at it now to extend for 5 years.

2. **Intergovernmental cooperation, Grants & Funding** – Trustee Rabatinni In her absence Trustee Ponio presented her report, Trustee Rabatinni contacted Mark Beaubian regarding money that is available for grants. There is no money. It was given to the townships. Dan Duffy stated that applications for grants had to be submitted in the spring

3. **Building, Zoning, Ordinance, Public Works & Water** – Trustee Verciglio
Lifting temporary signage for 90 days.

Public works and water – Trustee Verciglio was given the grand tour of where everything was. Public works was able to get a sign up for the senior center.

4. **Police and Public Safety** – Mayor Herrmann – Met with Chief Scharoni and Parks and Rec regarding the problem with drugs and alcohol being used and abused by our teenagers in the community. Have joined with parks rec and education in a program called communities that care. We have a very knowledgeable officer in Officer Gumble who knows and cares about these problems and is joining in the fight against kids roaming the streets. They are going to meet with the principle of the junior high school.

5. **Parks, Recreation, Education & Community Events** – Trustee O'Malley – There have been four open meetings since she took over this committee
Parks and Rec - Communities that Care is a program that is here to assist with problems plaguing teens. If anybody cares to look into this program they can go on line to Communities that Care.com and learn a lot about this program. By getting more kids involved the rec programs, more jobs will be opened up in this department.
Another program that is good is called Communities that care. Officer Gumble came and brought information about this program.

Don't forget there is a fund raiser August ninth called Summer Sensation for the teen center. There will be games, food, and entertainment.

Fireworks – There is a meeting at 10:00 am on August 11 to organize a fall fest. There will be vendors there for a taste of Island Lake on Friday. Saturday will have touch a truck and the Jack Mead 5K run. Sunday there will be a carnival.

There is going to be a spot on the utility bills for donation to the fireworks.

6. **Economic Development & Public Improvement** – Trustee Ponio. There is no report at this time,

Other Items for Discussion

In the future we will be attaching final approval items to the agenda for trustees. The purpose of this is to provide information in a timely manner for review, so trustees know what they are voting on and also to save a tree when possible.

1. Final discussion on changes to the Sexually Orientated Business Licensing ordinance – Trustee Verciglio
There were some questions regarding the wording of who would be permitted to obtain a business license pertaining to this ordinance.
These changes were requested to aid our businesses in this community. As of now they have to refer the business for massages out of our community. They would like to keep the business in our community.

Upon request Trustee Saville wanted to know how this change has come about. Trustee Mascillino explained she had overheard in a spa that someone stated it was too bad these services were not offered at these businesses.

In the state of Illinois a masseuse is licensed.

It was decided that the wording should be changed to include Chiropractic, beauty salon, and spas. In the future an organization or business that wanted a license for massages would have to come before the board to request this.

Place this on the agenda for an ordinance approval.

2. Final discussion on Electronic Attendance at Meetings Ordinance – Trustee Verciglio Discussion proceeded regarding this topic. The Committee determined that there were three instances in which you would be able to use this process:
 1. Member cannot attend because of personal illness or disability
 2. Member cannot attend because of employment purposed or business of the village.
 3. Member cannot attend because family or other emergency.

These instances were reviewed one by one

1. Member cannot attend, because of personal illness or disability – finding why would they call in to participate in a meeting. They could be on pain medication or something. And as far as disability can't get in.
2. Member cannot attend because of employment purposes or business of the village. If you have a full time job and can't make it because you are working overtime would you really call into a meeting while you were working.
3. Member cannot attend because of family or other emergency – If you were involved in a family emergency whatever it may be would you stop and phone in for the meeting?

They did investigate past history and only found one instance where someone had to call in for meetings. This was before his time on the board.

Lastly, the cost related to this is around \$880 for the equipment. We have had meetings in the past where employees were not able to attend and we were still able to discuss the village business and get through.

It is the recommendation of the Ordinance Committee that we would not move this forward.

3. Discussion of pedestrian Link from West ridge Drive to Converse park – Trustee Verciglio

Trustees received a packet from Baxter and Woodman and Rooney's. What they are talking about is converting the stoplight at Westridge Drive to have a pedestrian crosswalk. Plus on the southside of 176 we would create a pedestrian walkway from there to Converse Park. Kids would be able to cross 176 safely and when they got to the other side they would be on a pedestrian walkway. They would be able to cross by themselves and their parents wouldn't have to worry because the kids would be safe. This may not be as involved as we think. The packet before you is just a cost for the study to see if we can put it in.

Michael Herrick, president of Westridge Homeowner's association. Illinois state does have a ruling stating you cannot put signal walkways from light to light unless you have sidewalks on both sides. The sidewalk would need to be extended from the end of the houses in Westridge to the light at 176. Once you get across the street that is wetland there. They won't let us put blacktop or gravel. You have to have a boardwalk or something that won't disturb the area. Didn't you have a presentation to your board, In relation to this we had the opportunity to apply for a grant at a 50% match? This has been addressed in the past many times. We are looking for 15 or 20 thousand just for the scope of the engineering.

Trustee Saville stated that \$50,000 is in a fund for this already. Don't let it slide by the wayside.

Original presentation was made by Kevin Sutherland. Lake county wanted us to put in for their grant. Mayor will see if there is anything available that we can apply for, Trustee Verciglio believes that there is a program that will reimburse us for this expense.

There are wetland programs where you can purchase 1 acre of wetland elsewhere in the county and that would allow us to have ½ acre of the wetland. If you wanted to pave over the wetland area. This use to be available as an option. You would then be able to pave this area. There are cements that the water will flow through in a wet land area.

This is a good idea. Maybe this time we can be more diligent at seeing this through to the end. If that was to be done why not see about connecting this to downtown and on to Cotton Creek School. The other item we need to look into is IDOT's widening of 176. Mr. Koostra state there is some private properties in there that have easements.

4. Discussion on a 90 day moratorium on the sign ordinance that would allow any business to advertise a sale of their products – Trustee Verciglio

The purpose of this is to help stimulate business in a time when the economy is doing badly. The type and size of the sign would stay the same. The business still has to get a permit. Perhaps the moratorium on the sign ordinance should stay in affect through Christmas to allow businesses to take advantage of the holiday season.

5. Report and Discussion of Plan Commission recommendation to approve Thornton's zoning petition for (1) a text amendment to authorize gasoline stations with or without convenience store, in the B-1 district and (2) a special use permit to allow a gasoline station with convenience store, at 27905 West Route 176 – Mayor Herrmann

Trustees received a packet that was the same thing as the Planning Commission for review. There was a meeting on July 30th. The presentation was very professional.

Discussion: Mike Herrick – Attorney and Frank DeSort helped to organize the presentation There is a road behind the station for larger vehicles and since the river is only a couple of miles away for boats also. Thornton's was unanimously approved by all on the Planning Committee. This is a positive move for the village as far as tax base goes and the improvement to the corner. They are talking about a build out of April of next year. They have the approval of the State and County. This will be a great thing for the village.

This presentation should be the guidelines for future presentations. Give Frank a special thank you.

Comments from the trustees were – this is a great addition to the village.

Comments from the Mayor – best presentation. Will service not only residents from Island Lake but people passing through.

This should be put on the next agenda for approval. Do they have a good tank system as far as storage to prevent leaks?

Their tanks are double walled fiberglass and have the most modern monitoring system that is out there. If there is any doubt drive to Hainesville and check out the station there.

They had all the answers, charts, pictures and fact. They answered every question

Please put this on the agenda for approval on the 13th of August.

6. Discussion of Sanitary District increase. – Trustee Saville

There seems to be some confusion that folks in Island Lake think their Sanitary District bill went up due to the deannexation of the Sanitary District. Bills increased in 2008 at 10% and then during the quarter of June of 2009 they increased the rate by 8%. The reason for the increase is their costs have gone up. It is not true that our rates have gone up due to the deannexation.

Now as a village, with the water department, that is a different situation because of an intergovernmental agreement. The water department received an increase of \$6000 due to the deannexation. The reason is the intergovernmental agreement was signed in November of 2002. This relieved the Sanitary district for any municipal tax for their utilities. In exchange they gave the water company a reduction in payment due to operating costs. Now they have deannexed and are no longer required to pay the municipal taxes except for the pumps they have within the village. Statute 3-1-1 section D shows we should be given a portion of the taxes.

7. Discussion on acquiring easement agreements on Village Property along with acquiring fees for same. – Trustee Saville

Easement agreements with the Sanitary district – We have some and we don't have others. Questions regarding this: The Village of Island Lake took out bonds to put in the sewer system, then gave the System to the Sanitary District. Did we hand them over? If we didn't they are still our responsibility. Baxter Woodman was the engineer for the sanitary district back then. It started out as a part of Island Lake and now it isn't. How did this happen?

Items from the Mayor

She attended the Metropolitan Mayors Conference in Chicago. Met with several different Mayors. It didn't matter what village or town you were from we all had the same issues. Governor Quinn was a speaker talking about the 2010 budget.

Items that are going to become an issue for all towns big and small is the video gaming act that was approved. Would like the trustees to review the packet because it is not as pretty as it looks as far as revenue for the municipal areas. Very small percentage comes back to the municipality as far as revenue. We will probably need to put together an ordinance down the road regarding this issue.

Another highly discussed item was the red light camera. There was a variety of different opinions around the room. There are only 6 counties that are allowed to put them up. What they have found is that there is a 20% reduction in accidents at these intersections. This was a hot topic at the conference.

Honorable Richard Durbin was at the meeting and he spoke about the Healthcare issue. They are moving forward with a solution for this issue. We should be able to get the facts from our police department.

Trustee Saville – We need numbers for the ordinances that were passed.

Trustee Ponio – Concerned with contamination at Island Lake Cleaners and in the wells close to the Cleaners.

Trustee Mascillino. On agenda for next meeting approval of signs for Venetian night September 12th And the Permanent Historical Pump display that is going to be at the corner of Fern Drive and Park – the ceremony will be October 17 at 2 pm.

Did any one else see in the paper the article about Michelle Johnson, an Island Lake resident that, along with her fellow soldiers, began volunteering at a clinic for Afghan women. Her mother lives over on Highland and she has started non profit organization for donations for the clinic. The

Army was so impressed that after she and her unit leave the area the army is going to staff the clinic.

2008 CDBG Bid Opening meeting on Monday August 17, 2009 at 1:00pm

Willie Koostra – MFP project is going out to bid on August 19th Board will be asked to approve the bid on the 27th of August. This is an Asphalt project

CDBG Block Grant application has been completed and turned in to McHenry County. This is our first shot at it. We'll see what happens; they are usually not active in the infrastructure.

Various Legislators have been contact for funding for the village hall.

Motion to open the meeting to the floor by Trustee Verciglio and properly 2nd by Trustee O'Malley

Don't forget the Porten side of town for the sidewalks in Fox River Shores.,

A comment was made about the signage. She stated there is nothing downtown. 90 days is good but the three businesses cannot put signs out together. Make the time range longer so every one can advertise and not clutter the village up. We are becoming a ghost town. We really need your help.

There were also comments about the sidewalks.

We had a visitor from Thronton's. He left. Mike Herrick went with him to see what he thought of the meeting. The gentleman is willing to help us get the sidewalks. Just a little bit of positive thought and expression.

Motion to bring the meeting back to the board by Trustee Verciglio and properly seconded by Trustee O'Malley

All in favor of adjournment of the meeting - All

All opposed - none

Meeting was adjourned.