

VILLAGE BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
January 8, 2009 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, Mascillino, Ponio, Saville and Verciglio. Absent: Trustee Herrmann Also present: Attorney Scott Puma of Ancel, Glink and Chief Scarrione

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1. Discussion of the draft ordinance proposing a referendum for the issuance of bonds for the proposed Village Hall/Police Facility project

Trustee Ponio questioned the amount that the Board Members would like to see on the referendum. He suggested possibly wording that would include "not to exceed \$10 million dollars" as a possibility. He explained that they were told that if they exceed \$10 million, the Village can not use a local bank therefore, it would probably be best as well as easier to stay under \$10 million. Trustee Ponio questioned what the Board Members would like. Trustee Mascillino questioned if there is a way to calculate all this and Attorney Puma replied that yes, a financial consultant will be able to do so. Trustee Ponio questioned the wording "at time bond is issued". Trustee Garling replied that they will have exact figures when they most likely go to actually purchase those bonds. Trustee Garling explained that the average home is \$150,000 so they estimated that they would be paying \$50 if the bond is for example \$12 million. Attorney Puma replied that a conservative estimate can be furnished to the Village. He cautioned though not to set the amount higher than what is needed. Trustee Ponio replied that if the Village asks too little, that more foolish. He added if the project is brought in at a less amount, the Board will look like winners on the project. Trustee Verciglio questioned though, if the Village runs short on funds, what are they going to do. He suggested going for the higher number and making sure that they can get the project completed. Trustee Mascillino questioned number 8. Attorney Puma explained that it's approved when the referendum passes. The rate has to be shown which you get from the consultant. He stated that this is the actual question that will appear on the ballot. Mayor Hyde questioned the monies and what the forecast is as well as what is included. He asked if the gym is included. Trustee Ponio replied that the gym costs would be around \$2 million. He added that it would make lesser of a project to take the gym out so they decided to take it out at this time. He explained to the Board also that B & C's quote is just an estimate and not a set in stone project. He said that other companies can also be interviewed. He said there is a difference between building the building and then furnishing them also. B & C's estimate included soft costs too and those can be looked at as well. Trustee Ponio believes that \$8 million is probably sufficient but that it is up to the entire Board. Mayor Hyde expressed that he feels that the price per square footage is high especially for the Police Department. Trustee Garling replied that that's why they should bid everything out. Mayor Hyde suggested staying at around \$10 million. Trustee Garling agreed. Trustee Ponio again recommended \$8 million. Attorney Puma reminded the Board that everything is due to the County by or before February 2nd in order to be on the April ballot. The committee will be meeting soon.

Items from Clerk, Trustees and Department Heads

- Trustee Ponio stated that the Village meetings are not always being posted on the Village website and he asked if it would be okay if they were posted on the CGBIL website.
- Trustee Ponio stated that from 9 am to 10 tomorrow on the Loop 97.9 Jonathan Brannmeyer will be hosting a show concerning the pig farm. He stated that Trustee Garling made a comment in the newspaper and that Mr. Garling's comment does not represent his view points on the issue. He stated that Trustee Garling is not the spokesperson for the Village. Trustee Ponio said that there is still a lawsuit on the zoning. He said that the Village should have waited and took their time. He expressed concern for money once again needlessly being lost for the Village.

- Trustee Verciglio stated that he spoke with John Little recently about the Village website. They will be having a meeting soon regarding updating the website.
- Trustee Verciglio reminded everyone that the Indoor Garage Sale is Saturday
- Trustee Garling stated that the comments in the newspaper were his statements and no one else's. He said that he never said that he is the spokesperson for the Village and that those were his opinions. Trustee Garling stated that he strongly feels that the Village should move ahead. He said it is the Villages duty to provide water to the residents. He added that if others want to instead pollute the water system, that that's their issue.
- Trustee Mascillino reported that the National Incident Management System for 2008 has been completed with FEMA. This is tied to disaster funding. Mayor Hyde questioned the AED machines and requiring them in parks and how would they be protected from vandalism. Trustee Mascillino replied that there are outdoor cabinets; however, they can not be protected from vandalism. Plus, if the AED machines are locked up, that defeats the purpose. She explained that there is one available in Village Hall as well as well is available in the PD so her feeling is that this covers the Village Hall and surrounding grounds. Trustee Verciglio stated that organizations too can purchase their own and bring them along to events and sporting events. LYAA is being worked with as well regarding the AED laws.
- Trustee Mascillino requested executive session for personnel.
- Trustee Saville stated that Roberts Rules were improperly used at the December 18th meeting. He said that motions were improperly made. The motion "table" was improperly used several times. He said that there should be a motion to postpone an item, not table. If something is tabled, there is no debate.
- Trustee Saville expressed concern for the Huffman matter not being voted on at the last meeting. He said that he had questions to ask and the matter was abruptly tabled. He added that if there was a negative vote, that Mr. Huffman would have to wait a year. He said that tabling items has ramifications and it puts items into a tailspin. He said then items number 7 and 8 were both tables. They were ordinances to be voted on. It was talked about combining them and then they were suddenly tabled. Trustee Saville stated that these are ordinances and ordinances should be discussed individually. Attorney Puma commented that the Hufmans withdrew their application. Mayor Hyde said there was nothing to vote on. Trustee Saville again pointed out though, if there was a vote, and it was negative, they would have had to wait a year. Attorney Puma said "true". Trustee Saville said it should have been presented anyway to the Board and they should have voted instead to take it off the agenda. Trustee Mascillino commented that it is now after the fact. Trustee Garling said it is a dead deal. Attorney Puma said they withdrew and there is nothing to vote on. He said if they decide to come back that it is common practice to start over again. Trustee Saville said though that the motion is not correct. He said that he was previously censured because he does not follow rules and he is only trying to do so. He said that all Board Members have to and should be following the rules. Mayor Hyde replied that the Huffman matter is done and it does not have to go on the agenda again for a vote. Trustee Saville asked how it got off the agenda. Attorney Puma said it was mute. He said the issue rendered mute due to the withdrawal. He said there is no reason to table or postpone. Attorney Puma said that they will all do a better job in the future to follow the rules.
- Trustee Saville mentioned a memo from Attorney Puma on May 7, 2008. He read the first line regarding Board Members liability. He said that there was a second email on May 7th also from Mike Nugent of MCMRMA. Trustee Saville stated that he is upset because if he is sticking to the rules everyone should. He explained that the Board Members should be careful especially because if one Trustee sues another Trustee, it is not covered. He said that the Board should stick to facts and have the facts to back everything up. He wants to show that he is diligently trying to stick to the rules and will continue to do so. He questioned Mayor Hyde as to what "standards" is he supposed to meet as it was stated in the censure. Trustee Saville said that there is a serious problem here if everyone does not know and understand Roberts Rules.
- Trustee Ponio engaged Kevin Sutherland of Baxter and Woodman in conversation regarding the \$500,000 contract. He questioned why they were awarded a contract after the zoning issue was brought forward. Kevin explained that in mid November of 2007, they were awarded the contract already before any design work was completed. He said that Baxter and Woodman was awarded only the design portion. Construction services were not agreed to yet. Trustee Ponio withdrew his comments until further clarification is provided.

Items from the Mayor

- *Mayor Hyde discussed the plumbing issues in the building with the Board Members.*

Trustee Ponio requested executive session for litigation. Trustee Saville also requested executive session for litigation.

Motion by Trustee Mascillino, properly seconded to open the meeting to the floor. All in favor.

Laura Rabattini Southampton: Ms. Rabattinni questioned why the Mayor said that other plumbers will not assist the Village with the plumbing in the building. Mayor Hyde replied that some plumbers have expressed that they do not want to work with our Village.

Motion by Trustee Garling, properly seconded to bring the meeting back to the Board. All in favor.

Motion by Trustee Ponio to go into executive session, properly seconded. All in favor.

ROLL CALL *Roll call indicated the following present: Trustees Garling, Mascillino, Ponio, Saville and Verciglio. Absent: Trustee Herrmann Also present: Attorney Scott Puma of Ancel, Glink*

Clerk Kaczmarek was excused from executive session.

Motion by Trustee Mascillino to come out of executive session, properly seconded. All in favor.

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Motion by Trustee Garling, properly seconded to adjourn the committee meeting. All in favor. The meeting ended at 10:35 pm.

Christine Kaczmarek, Village Clerk