

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2011

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 Frassetto, Trustee Mahlik, Trustee Van Deurzen,

EXCUSED: Trustee Hietpas

ALSO PRESENT: C. Kell, E. Misselt, T. Flick, R. Van Gheem, V. Schneider

Public Appearance for Items not on the Agenda

Michael Stouffer stated that he would like to see village department heads given more discretion in their area of expertise in making judgments concerning snow emergencies or the like and he would like to see staff report to the Administrator or the Board on any exceptions or changes they made.

Review/Approval of Façade Renovation Loan for Baker's Outlet, 505 Grand Avenue owned by Four D Investments, LLC

Trustee Frassetto commented that she was pleased with the plan for the façade for Baker's Outlet and that they were taking advantage of the Village's beautification loan program. It was noted that the Design Review Board did approve the design at their meeting on March 21.

Moved by Trustee Frassetto, seconded by Trustee Van Deurzen to Approve the Façade Renovation Loan for Baker's Outlet, 505 Grand Avenue owned by Four D Investments, LLC of a maximum not to exceed \$30,000 (50% of actual documented cost).

Ayes 4, Nay 0 – Abstain 1(Elrick) Motion Carried

Action on Rosehill Road Street Width, Bike Lanes, Trail, and Parking Issues between Main St. and County Highway OO

C. Kell stated that staff provided Board members with the cost estimates of the trail options and of constructing the road as it currently is at 41 feet with parking on one side of the street and bike lanes on both sides of the street. C. Kell stated that Mr. Coenen and Fox Valley Tool and Dye are in support of the wider street. Trustee Van Deurzen questioned the \$6,000 dollar cost to extend the railroad crossing. R. Van Gheem stated that if the street is made wider than the railroad crossing would also have to be wider, because of the alignment of the street. Lori Verhagen, 226 Paradise Dr., questioned if there would be bike lanes on both sides of the road but parking on only one side of the road and she went on to question why Rosehill Rd. reconstruction was different than the Washington Street project. C. Kell stated that it is because of the parking that is being lost on Main Street and the Rosehill Bar owner does not have adequate on-site parking to make up for the lost parking and they will also be losing some of their on-site parking due to reconstruction of Main Street. Sara Eslinger, 1005 Washington St., commented that the Rosehill Rd. reconstruction should be the same as Washington St. and not allow parking at all but she does agree that parking should be allowed on one side but then Washington St. should be changed. Trustee Elrick questioned if it was mandated that parking is not allowed where bike lanes are located. R. Van Gheem stated that if it is a designated bike lane then cars cannot park on the street and the Board needs to decide if they want bike lanes or parking but the option is to not designate the bike lanes. C. Kell clarified that the parking would be located against the curb and the bike lanes would be between the travel lane and the parking. Chief Misselt stated that as he understands the State Statutes, operating a motor vehicle is not allowed in a bike lane, therefore parking is not allowed. Kurt Coenen, Rosehill Bar, commented that Rosehill Rd. is a truck route and he does not see the value of shrinking the road and he thinks constructing the road at 41 feet it gives the Village flexibility for the future for biking or parking and he would like to see parking allowed at least for the short term. Trustee Frassetto commented that she would be in favor of keeping Rosehill Rd. at 41 feet and allow parking on one side of the street. Discussion continued. Sara Eslinger commented on the business located on Washington St. and she would

like to see the bike lanes taken out of one side and parking allowed and she further stated that she would like to see the Washington St. parking issue discussed further at a future meeting. President Fischer commented on keeping open the option of the bike path and Trustee Elrick stated he would not be in favor of the considering the bike path as the costs are nearly double of that of widening the street.

Moved by Trustee Frassetto, seconded by Trustee Van Deurzen to keep the width of Rosehill Road at 41 feet from Main St. to Hwy. OO and allow bike lanes on both sides of the street and parking on one side of the street.

Ayes 4, Nay 1 (Elrick) - Motion Carried

Discussion/Possible Action to Authorize \$4,000 of Additional Expenditures to Install a Gate Controller for the Public Works Yard Waste Site

Moved by Trustee Frassetto, seconded by Trustee Mahlik to Authorize \$4,000 of Additional Expenditures to Install a Gate Controller for the Public Works Yard Waste Site.

Ayes 5, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

Discussion of the Ebben Pond Assessment and Hookup Fees and Establish an Assessment Public Hearing Date

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Frassetto to set a Public Hearing for the Ebben Pond Assessments/Hookup Fees for April 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Ayes 5, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

Review/Possible Action – Special Assessment Collection Policy

C. Kell stated that this item was recently brought to the Board’s attention by Dale Haug. Dale Haug has had some requests to extend the special assessment payback to 15 to 20 years depending on the cost of the assessments. Trustee Elrick commented that he would like to see this item on a future agenda when Finance Director Dale Haug could be present. Board members agreed to put the item on the April 6 Board meeting agenda.

Moved by Trustee Frassetto, seconded by Trustee Mahlik to enter into Closed Session. (6:48)

Ayes 5, Nay 0 - Motion Carried Unanimously

Closed Session:

a) 19.85(1)(e) Wis. Stats. 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.

1) *PBJ Holdings, LLC Land Purchase*

b) 19.85(c) Consideration of Employment, Promotion, or Performance Evaluation Data of any Public Employee of the Village of Little Chute

1) *Performance Evaluation of the Village Administrator*

2) *Union Proposal to Amend Existing AFSCME Local 130 Bargaining Agreement and Extend Agreement through 2013*

Moved by Trustee Frassetto, seconded by Trustee Elrick to return to Open Session. (8:12)

Ayes 5, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

Return to Open Session/Possible Action on Closed Session Items

No action was taken on the Closed Session agenda item for PBJ Holdings, LLC Land Purchase

a) Action on 2011 Salary Increase for the Village Administrator

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by President Fischer to approve a 1 1/2% salary increase for the Village Administrator.

Ayes 4, Nay 1(Frassetto) – Motion Carried

b) Action on Union Contract Proposal and Extension of Bargaining Agreement through 2013

C. Kell stated that if approved the new contract would supersede the existing contract from the date of the Tentative Agreement. The union proposal is for a 2011 WRS employee contribution of 2.9% beginning on July 1, 2011. A 2012 WRS employee contribution of 5.8%, health insurance employee contribution of 12% and a 0% wage increase beginning on January 1, 2012. A 2013 WRS employee contribution of 5.8%, health insurance employee contribution of 12% and a 0% wage increase beginning January 1, 2013.

Moved by Trustee Mahlik, seconded by Trustee Van Deurzen to approve the Local 130-C Union's contract proposal and extension bargaining agreement through 2013 as presented.

Ayes 4, Nay 1(Frassetto) – Motion Carried

Reconsider/Possible Action on Non-Union Retirement Benefit/Wage Issues – Requested by Trustee Elrick

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Van Deurzen to table this item until the April 6th meeting of the Board.

Ayes 5, Nay 0 - Motion Carried

Unfinished Business

None

Items for Future Agenda

Bike Lanes on Washington Street
Special Assessment Payment Policy

Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Van Deurzen, seconded by Trustee Elrick to Adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Ayes 5, Nay 0 – Motion Carried

VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

By: Charles Fischer, Village President

Attest: Vicki Schneider, Village Clerk