

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2010

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 Smith, Trustee Van Deurzen, Trustee Versteegen

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

Public Appearance for Items not on the Agenda

None

Review/Possible Action – Annexation Petition for W2910 Progrant Rd.

J. Moes reported that with a recommendation made by staff, the Plan Commission tabled action on the annexation petition and he asked the Board to table action on the annexation petition until the Plan Commission makes a recommendation to the Board.

Moved by Trustee Ransbottom, seconded by Trustee Leicht to table action on the annexation petition until a recommendation from the Plan Commission is provided to the Board.

Ayes 7, Nay 0 – Motion Carried

Possible Action – Resolution – Approving the Signing of a Lot Boundary Agreement

Staff explained that the agreement will revise and correct the Village's plat map and the lot owners will take ownership of the outlots that were formerly the street car tracks. The Village will continue to have documented sanitary sewer easements for the land.

Moved by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to Adopt Resolution No. 7, Series of 2010 Approving the Signing of a Lot Boundary Agreement of Property Owned by the Village of Little Chute Located within the Proposed 2009 Assessor's Plat.

Ayes 7, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

Possible Action – Resolution – Purchase of Property at 129 E. Main Street

Trustee Leicht expressed concern about tearing down the building as it may be the type of building a new business would want to purchase and commented that he didn't want to see more buildings taken down. Trustee Elrick pointed out that if any remodeling is done to the building, the entire building needs to be brought up to code. Staff stated that the traffic study is currently being conducted so the recommendations for the road design can be brought to the Board and once the road design is known then the land on the corner of Vandebroek Street and Main Street that is not needed for right-of-way can be marketed. C. Kell also mentioned that Vanderloop Shoes may consider expanding their business or another development or business may want to locate on this land. C. Kell reminded the Board that the owner of the building approached the Village about purchasing the property. Staff stated that the lot will be seeded and dressed up this spring. C. Kell stated that as part of the agreement if the purchase is approved by the Board, the seller would receive \$3,000 this Friday and the remaining amount will be disbursed to the seller when the building is down and the lot is cleared.

Moved by Trustee Versteegen, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to Adopt Resolution No. 8, Series of 2010 Approving the Purchase of the Property at 129 E. Main Street as presented.

Ayes 5, Nay 2 (Leicht, Van Deurzen) – Motion Carried

Discussion – Special Event Policy

T. Flick led a discussion on the special event policy that is being proposed noting that he had worked closely with the Village of Kimberly and the Fox Valley Metro on the proposed policy. Board members reviewed the Special Event Permit Information, Special Event Permit, Special Event Emergency Plan and Special Event Village Cost Spreadsheet. Trustee Versteegen commented that she really liked the

emergency plan and suggested further stressing in the documents the need to submit the application at least three-months prior to the event. Chief Misselt suggested that current annual events could be waived from the three-month advanced permit submission requirement. T. Flick stated that the Board will need to determine which, if any, events will be exempted from the policy and/or the fee. Board members indicated they would not want to charge events such as Cheese Fest that donate more back to the community than what it costs the Village for support services. Board members also commented on possibly exempting the events that do not generate revenue. The issue of the insurance requirement was discussed as the cost for insurance is likely to be too great for some of these events. C. Kell stated that maybe the Village's insurance could have a rider for smaller type events that take place in the Village right-of-way. Staff was instructed to check into insurance costs and options for the smaller events like the sidewalk sale and parades. Trustee Leicht suggested the Board might want to think about putting a dollar limit on the cost of the services the Village will provide for events. Board members agreed to put the Special Event Policy on the next Committee of the Whole agenda for further discussion.

Discussion – Deer Culling Program

T. Flick led a discussion on the deer culling program and reviewed the information that was compiled from the surveys that were returned from 12 of the hunters. It was noted that there were not any issues with the hunt other than two hunters reported that there were people in the park walking their dogs. T. Flick stated he believes there is an enormous amount of deer in the area and the Board will need to determine what the goal is for the number of deer to be culled. Discussion took place on the suggestions made by the hunters to allow stands to be left in the hunting area overnight and to allow hunters to shoot from the ground. The time frame was also discussed and Trustee Smith suggested that maybe the hunt could take place earlier in the fall on Electric Island. Trustee Smith also suggested that the Village build the tree stands and leave them in place for the hunt. T. Flick stated he was not in favor of the Village building and maintaining the tree stands. Greg Larson, resident of Rosehill Road, commented on the large number of deer in his yard and in the area and the damage that they are doing to the vegetation in the residential neighborhoods. Discussion also took place on allowing a type of earn a buck program and allowing more hunters to participate in the hunt. C. Kell noted that it may take five to six years of culling a large number of deer to make a difference in the herd. Board members agreed that the program should continue and that Trustee Smith and any other interested Trustees or citizens can meet with T. Flick and bring back recommendations for changes to the program. T. Flick noted that any changes to the program will also need to be reviewed by the Village Attorney.

Unfinished Business

None

Items for Future Agenda

Special Event Policy – next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Future Agenda – Deer Culling Program Recommendations.

V. Schneider stated she had a request from a resident to appear before the Board concerning a denial for a concrete driveway permit that he had applied for from the Public Works Department and also a request for a reconsideration hearing from an applicant that was denied an operator's license and this request would require a closed session per village ordinances. Board members agreed to put both of the requests on next week's agenda.

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to enter into Closed Session. (7:08pm)

Ayes 7, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

President Fischer announced that no action would be taken on the Closed Session items upon return to Open Session.

Closed Session:

Conferring with legal counsel for the Village, legal counsel rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Village Board with respect to litigation in which the Village is now or is likely to become involved. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats. *Mill Street Bridge*

Consideration of employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee of the Village of Little Chute. 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats. *Performance Evaluation for the Village Administrator.*

Moved by Trustee Ransbottom, seconded by Trustee Smith to Exit Closed Session and Return to Open Session. (9:05pm)

Ayes 7, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

Return to Open Session/Possible Action on Closed Session Items

No action was taken.

Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Van Deurzen to Adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Ayes 7, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

By: Charles Fischer, Village President

Attest: Vicki Schneider, Village Clerk