

## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MARCH 22, 2017

### Call to Order

President Vanden Berg called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

**PRESENT:** President Vanden Berg, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Peerenboom, Trustee Elrick,  
Trustee Van Lankvelt,

**EXCUSED:** Trustee Hietpas  
Trustee Smith

**ALSO PRESENT:** Adam Breest, Laurie Decker, Teri Matheny, Jim Moes  
Interested Citizens

### Public Appearance for Items not on the Agenda

None

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 15, 2017

*Moved by Trustee Van Lankvelt, seconded by Trustee Peterson to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 15, 2017*

Ayes 5, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

**Action—Adopt Resolution #9, Series 2017 Final Special Assessment Resolution for McKinley Ave., Grand Ave. and N. Wilson St.**

*Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Peterson to Adopt Resolution No. 9, Series 2017 Final Assessment Resolution for McKinley Ave, Grand Ave. and N. Wilson St*

Ayes 5, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

### Discussion—Municipal Tree Tapping

At the March 1, 2017, Regular Board meeting Megan Kerkhoff, of 516 Taylor Street requested the ability to tap municipal terrace trees for sap. The recommendation from the Forestry Department is that we continue to not allow the practice of tapping municipal owned terrace trees. The Forestry Department will investigate ways to facilitate a program where residents can partake in the tapping of maple trees during the maple syrup season. An option is to create a program at a designated area such as Heesakker Park to teach a limited number of interested residents on how to tap maple trees or partnering with another public or private entity.

### Discussion—Fox River Boardwalk

Director Breest stated the next phase of this project would be for the Village and City to perform geotechnical investigation, sampling of soils, an environment assessment, schematic designs, initial fundraising assistance, meetings with permitting agencies, and more contact with the Canadian National Railroad. In order to proceed with the next phase the department recommends that the Village chooses an alignment. After speaking with users, going out on the river, utilizing public meetings and working with the angle of the crossing Director Breest feels this alignment is the most economical while still taking into consideration the needs of the local residents. If the Village moved forward with alignment 1 in the next phase of the project there would still be an opportunity to alter the alignment before structural design, civil design, and permitting. The Board recommended Director Breest do more checking on County contributions, cost and timelines. The Board wants to see a strategic outline and time table of steps for each municipality involved in this process.

### Unfinished Business

None

**Items for Future Agendas**

None

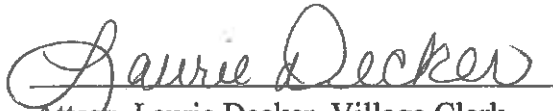
**Adjournment**

*Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Van Lankvelt to Adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 6:56 p.m.*

Ayes 5, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

**VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE**

  
By: Michael R. Vanden Berg, Village President

  
Attest: Laurie Decker, Village Clerk