

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2007

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 Joosten Trustee Ransbottom, Trustee Van Ooyen, Trustee Vanden Heuvel, Trustee Verstegen

ALSO PRESENT: C. Kell, Chief Peterson, J. Moes, D. Haug, R. Van Gheem, V. Schneider

Public Appearance for Items not on the Agenda

None

Energy Marketing Services representing AT & T – Appearance to Appeal Denial/Revocation of Direct Seller's Permit

Chief Peterson explained that the representatives from Energy Marketing Services would not be appearing as the issue has been resolved. Chief Peterson explained that he had denied their solicitor's permit when it was reported that the representatives for AT & T were going door to door prior to their permit being officially granted. The AT & T representatives had applied for the permit but did not wait until the next day to solicit as is required which then allows for automatic denial of the permit. Chief Peterson reported that in his review of the Village ordinance, a permit is not needed if the representatives are calling on current customers and not soliciting for new customers. Energy Marketing representatives stated they will only be calling on current AT & T customers.

Review/Discussion – Halloween Trick or Treat Hours

Chief Peterson led a discussion on the issue of the current trick or treat hours being from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and comments by some residents that three hours is too long. The hours had been set so they would include daylight and dark hours for trick or treating. Chief Peterson recommended shortening the time by one hour and set the trick or treat hours to be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Board members discussed the proposal and the issue of the change of daylight savings time being moved back was brought up as that would likely make it light outside between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Chief Peterson indicated setting the designated hours to be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. would be acceptable with the Department as it would be uniform with the Village of Kimberly. Board members agreed to designate 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Halloween as Trick or Treat Hours for the Village of Little Chute.

Review/Discussion – Repeal and Recreate Ordinance 10-1-27(b)(1) All-Night Parking Regulated

Chief Peterson stated the recommendation is to change the starting date for the overnight parking ban from November 1st to December 1st. Chief Peterson explained that the recommendation is being brought forward as over the last few years there has not been a significant snowfall in November and it would create uniformity with the City of Kaukauna and Village of Combined Locks. Chief Peterson stated the request to change the start date to December 1st is also being made to Kimberly. R. Van Gheem stated the Public Works Department was not opposed to the change as a snow emergency can still be declared should a significant snow fall take place in November. Board members discussed and did not oppose changing the start date to December 1st. The item will be put on next week's Regular Board agenda for action. Staff stated they did not intend to purchase new signs but to just change the lettering on current signs. Trustee Verstegen asked that if new signs are needed they be brought to the Board for design consideration.

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Discussion on Project Financing for 2007 Construction Projects

D. Haug led a discussion on the two options being proposed for financing the 2007 projects. Discussion took place on the scenarios of a customary debt issue or an internal funding proposal that would postpone new debt for the short term until the scope of the 2008 projects and cost are further defined. Board members agreed with postponing a debt issue and using current fund balances for 2007 project payments. The item will be on the agenda of next week's Regular Board meeting for formal action.

Unfinished Business

C. Kell informed the Board that today he and the Finance Director had discussions with the owner of the Country Inn & Suites and he believes the issue with payment owed to the Village will be resolved in the next few days. C. Kell reported that the Fox Locks Authority had voted to enter into a 50 year lease agreement with the Village for the Doyle Park land so the Village can move forward with the park improvements. C. Kell stated the Authority is participating in a management study that identifies the lands that they will be willing to sell and it is likely that Doyle Park will be identified as such and at that time the Village can pursue an acquisition of the land and terminate the lease. C. Kell stated the Authority has also approved a contract for the work on the Cedar Locks and the levy work is scheduled to begin in August. Trustee Joosten requested that the park land lease include an heirs and successors in case the Authority dissolves. C. Kell stated he will try to get that language included in the lease. C. Kell reported that today he had received the traffic impact study for the proposed development on French Road and Hwy. 00 and staff will be reviewing the study. C. Kell asked Board members to begin writing a short synopsis of themselves for the new website which will also include a picture of each Board member. The photos will be taken next week before the Board meeting starts.

Items for Future Agenda

Trustee Verstegen asked about the status of the Village implementing an off site sign program as discussed at the last Plan Commission meeting. Staff informed the Board that staff is researching the issue of establishing a program and it will be discussed at the Plan Commission meeting on May 14.

Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:44 p.m.

All Ayes-Motion Carried Unanimously

VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

By: Charles Fischer, Village President

Attest: Vicki Schneider, Village Clerk